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(54) **Humanized anti-human fas antibody**

(57) The invention provides humanised anti-human Fas antibodies capable of inducing apoptosis in cells expressing Fas and which are useful in the treatment of

autoimmune disease and chronic rheumatoid arthritis. In addition, the invention provides DNA encoding the variable regions of the H and L chain of such antibodies and methods for humanising antibodies.

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Description

The present invention relates to humanised anti-human Fas antibodies which recognise the Fas antigen as well as DNA encoding such antibodies. The present invention further relates to pharmaceutical preparations containing such antibodies for the treatment of disease, including particularly autoimmune diseases and rheumatic diseases, the preparations optionally further containing a cell growth inhibitor. In addition, the invention relates to improved methods for the production of humanised antibodies.

Immunoglobulin G (IgG) is composed of two light polypeptide chains (L chains) each having a molecular weight of about 23,000 kD and two heavy polypeptide chains (H chains) each having a molecular weight of about 50,000 kD. Both H and L chains consist of a repeated region of conserved amino acids consisting of about 110 residues. This region is referred to herein as a "domain", and constitutes the basic three-dimensional structural unit of the IgG. The H and L chains consist of four and two consecutive domains, respectively.

When antibody amino acid sequences are compared, the amino-terminal domain of both H and L chains is found to be more variable than the other domains. It is, therefore, referred to as the 'variable' domain (V domain). The V domains of H and L chains associate with each other by their complementary nature to form variable regions in the amino-termini of IgG molecules. The other domains associate to form constant regions. The constant region sequences are characteristic for a given species. For example, the constant regions of mouse IgG differ from those of human IgG, and a mouse IgG molecule is recognised as a foreign protein by the human immune system. Administration of a mouse IgG molecule into a human subject results in the production of a human anti-mouse antibody (hereinafter referred to as "HAMA") response [Schroff *et al.*, (1985), *Cancer Res.*, 45, 879-885]. Accordingly, a mouse antibody cannot be repeatedly administered to a human subject. For effective administration, the antibody must be modified to avoid inducing the HAMA response, but still maintaining the antibody specificity.

Data from X-ray crystallography analysis indicates that the immunoglobulin fold generally forms a long cylindrical structure comprising two layers of antiparallel β -sheets, each consisting of three or four β -chains. In a variable region, three loops from each of the V domains of H and L chains cluster together to form an antigen-binding site. Each of these loops is termed a complementarity determining region ("CDR"). The CDR's have the highest variability in amino acid sequence. The portions of the variable region that are not part of a CDR are called "framework regions" ("FR" regions) and generally play a role in maintaining the structure of CDR's.

Kabat and co-workers compared the primary sequences of a number of variable regions of H and L chains and identified putative CDRs or framework regions, based on sequence conservation [E. A. Kabat *et al.*, *Sequences of proteins of immunological interest* 5th edition, NIH Publication, No.91-3242]. Further, they classified the framework regions into several subgroups which share common amino acid sequences. They also identified framework regions that correspond between mouse and human sequences.

Studies on the structural characteristics of IgG molecules have led to the development of methods for preparing humanised antibodies, which do not provoke a HAMA response, as described below.

Initial suggestions were directed towards the preparation of a chimaeric antibody, by joining the variable region of a mouse antibody to the constant regions of human origin [Morrison, S. L., *et al.*, (1984), *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 81, p6851-6855]. Such a chimaeric antibody, however, still contains many non-human amino acid residues, and thus can cause a HAMA response, especially when administered for a prolonged period. [Regent *et al.*, (1990), *Br. J. Cancer*, 62, p487 *et seq.*].

The grafting of CDR segments alone into a human antibody was then proposed, in order to further reduce the number of non-human amino acid sequences which cause the HAMA response [Jones, P. T. *et al.*, (1986), *Nature*, 321, 522-515]. However, the grafting of the CDR portions alone was generally found to be insufficient to maintain the activity of the immunoglobulin against an antigen.

Based on data from X-ray crystallography, Chothia and co-workers [Chothia *et al.*, (1987), *J. Mol. Biol.*, 196, 901-917] determined that:

1) A CDR has a region involved in antigen binding and a region involved in maintaining the structure of the CDR itself. Possible three-dimensional structures for CDRs can be classified into several classes with characteristic patterns (canonical structures); and

2) The classes of canonical structures are determined not only by the CDR sequences but also by the nature of amino acids in specific positions in the framework regions.

As a result, it has been suggested that the CDR-grafting technique should also involve the grafting of certain amino acid residues from the framework regions into the human antibody backbone [Queen *et al.*, Japanese Provisional Patent Publication No. 4-502408].

In the context of the above, an antibody from a non-human mammal from which the CDR's are obtained for grafting

is hereinafter termed a 'donor' molecule. A human antibody into which the CDRs are grafted is hereinafter termed an 'acceptor' molecule.

In performing CDR-grafting, the structures of the CDR region should ideally be conserved and the activity of the immunoglobulin molecule should be maintained. The following factors may, therefore, be relevant:

- 1) the subgroup of the acceptor; and
- 2) the nature of the amino acid residues that are transferred from the framework regions of the donor.

Queen and co-workers [Queen *et al.*, Japanese Provisional Patent Publication No. 4-502408] have proposed a method for humanising antibodies, in which an amino acid residue from a framework region of a donor is grafted along with the CDR sequence into an acceptor molecule, provided that the residue is close to a CDR, or the amino acid in the framework region of the acceptor is rarely found at that position in the acceptor, whereas the corresponding amino acid in the donor is commonly found at that position in the acceptor.

Immunoglobulin M ("IgM") is normally composed of ten H chains and ten L chains, along with a joining chain ("J chain") located in the centre of the molecule. Mouse IgM has constant regions, like IgG and, thus, cannot be repeatedly administered to a human subject. Therefore, CDR grafting is necessary if IgM molecules are to be used as pharmaceutical agents in humans.

Although an IgM molecule is normally present as a pentamer with a J chain, it can also be present as a hexamer lacking the J chain [Troy, *et al.*, J. Biol. Chem., (1992), 26, (25), 18002-18007]. The complement-binding activity is reportedly enhanced in such an IgM hexamer lacking the J chain [Davis, *et al.*, Eur. J. Immunol., (1988) 18, 1001-1008]. However, the presence of a J chain has previously been thought to be essential for the maintenance of IgM structure and for the molecule to retain its immunoglobulin activity. At present, it is not known if an IgM molecule lacking a J chain retains its original activity.

The physiological death of cells in a living organism in the natural course of events is known as apoptosis, and is distinguished from the pathological death of cells, i.e. necrosis [c.f. Kerr *et al.*, (1972), Br. J. Cancer, 26, 239 *et seq.*]. Apoptosis is an example of programmed cell death, which is where certain cells are programmed, in advance, to die in a living organism in the natural course of events, such as when the cell in question has performed a pre-determined function. Apoptosis is characterised by such morphological changes as curved cell surface, condensed nuclear chromatin and fragmented chromosomal DNA, amongst others.

Apoptosis has an important role to play in disposing of cells that recognise autoantigen during the process of T and B lymphocyte differentiation. Onset of so-called autoimmune diseases is generally brought on by the appearance of auto-reactive lymphocytes resulting from the failure of apoptosis during lymphocyte differentiation [c.f. Keiichi Nakayama *et al.*, (1995), *Mebio* 12(10), 79-86].

Fas is a cell membrane molecule involved in the apoptosis of immunocompetent cells [Itoh, N., *et al.*, *infra*]. Murine monoclonal antibodies have been generated to the human Fas antigen [Yonehara, S., *et al.*, (1989), J. Exp. Med., 169, 1747]. These anti-human Fas antibodies have apoptosis-inducing cytotoxic activity in human cells and have been proposed as potential therapeutic agents in the treatment of autoimmune diseases. AIDS and tumours [Japanese Provisional Patent Publications Nos. 2-237935 and 5-503281].

Rheumatism, especially rheumatoid arthritis, is believed to result from the proliferation of synoviocytes, accompanied by a variety of immunological abnormalities. The proliferation of synoviocytes is typically accompanied by inflammatory cellular infiltration and erosion of bone. Tissue erosion around the affected joint in chronic rheumatoid arthritis is apparently caused by abnormal production of cytokines from inflammatory synoviocytes. Examination of joints in patients with rheumatism reveals abnormal proliferation of synoviocytes, hyperplasia of synovial villi, multi-layered synoviocytes, etc. [c.f. Daniel J. McCarty (1985), in "Arthritis and allied conditions, A textbook of rheumatology" 10th Edition, Lea & Febiger]. Medication for rheumatism currently predominantly comprises anti-inflammatory drugs such as steroids and immunomodulators. If it were possible to inhibit abnormal proliferation of synoviocytes, then any such agent should be useful in the therapy of rheumatism.

Synoviocytes in rheumatism do not proliferate in an unlimited manner [c.f. Daniel J. McCarty (1985), in "Arthritis and allied conditions, A textbook of rheumatology" 10th Edition, Lea & Febiger], and it has been demonstrated that apoptosis occurs in the synoviocytes of patients with rheumatism. Fas antigen is expressed on the membrane of synoviocytes and Nakajima *et al.* [Nakajima, T., *et al.*, (1995), *Arthritis Rheum.* 38, 485-491] and Aono *et al.* [Abstracts of the 38th Meeting of Japan Rheumatism Society (1994), p. 487, and articles of 1994 Meeting of Japan Cancer Society, (1994), p. 388] investigated whether cytotoxic anti-human Fas antibodies could induce apoptosis in abnormally proliferated synoviocytes from patients with rheumatism. They were able to induce high levels of apoptosis in abnormally proliferated synoviocytes from patients with rheumatism, compared with a control comprising synoviocytes from patients with diseases other than rheumatism.

Thus, anti-human Fas antibody is able to selectively induce apoptosis not only in lymphocytes but also in abnormally

proliferated synoviocytes, so that anti-human Fas antibody should be useful as an anti rheumatic agent.

Several mouse anti-human Fas monoclonal antibodies have been obtained [for example, Yonehara, S., *et al.*, (1989) J. Exp. Med. 169, 1747-1756; Science, (1989), 245, 301-305]. Further, as described above, it has been reported that such antibodies induce apoptosis *in vitro* in synovial cells from patients with rheumatism [c.f. page 487, Abstracts of the 38th Meeting of the Japan Rheumatology Society (1994), and page 338, Articles of 1994 Annual Meeting of the Japan Oncology Society (1994)]. However, the preparation of a humanised anti-human Fas antibody, whether IgG or IgM, has not been reported. Moreover, the successful preparation of a humanised anti-human Fas IgM antibody lacking a J chain but having the ability to induce apoptosis has never been reported.

To humanise a mouse anti-human Fas monoclonal antibody, for example, it is necessary to select the amino acid sequences of the variable regions which are to be grafted onto the human antibody acceptor. The amino acid sequence should ideally include the predicted CDR sequences, as well as selected amino acid residues of the FR sequence.

When designing a humanised antibody, the subgroup of an acceptor has conventionally been selected in one of two ways:

1) using heavy and light chains from the same known human antibody; or

2) using heavy and light chains derived from different human antibodies, which have high sequence homology to, or share consensus sequences with, the chains of the donor, while at the same time maintaining the combination of the subgroups of the acceptor chains.

Criterion (2), above, has been previously employed because there are only a limited number of naturally occurring combinations of subgroups. It has been considered important to maintain these naturally occurring combinations.

We have now, surprisingly, discovered that it is not necessary to maintain these natural combinations of subgroups, nor is it necessary to use H and L chains from the same antibody. The selection of acceptor H and L chains may be carried out from a library of primary sequences of human antibodies solely based on the homology of the framework regions of donor and acceptor, regardless of the combination of subgroups. This selection process has been used successfully to produce an anti-human Fas antibody.

Thus, in a first aspect, the present invention provides a method for the production of a humanised antibody, comprising at least one light chain and one heavy chain, the method comprising the steps of:

a selecting a non-human antibody having at least one CDR;

b selecting a human antibody heavy chain;

c selecting a human antibody light chain;

d introducing at least one CDR from the non-human antibody heavy chain into the human antibody heavy chain, to form a recombinant heavy chain; and

e introducing at least one CDR from the non-human antibody light chain into the human antibody light chain, to form a recombinant light chain;

wherein the selection of each of the human antibody heavy and light chains is determined solely by sequence homology with the non-human antibody heavy and light chains, respectively.

Anti-human Fas antibodies prepared in accordance with the present invention may be used therapeutically in humans. In addition, such humanised antibodies minimise any potential HAMA response.

The present invention allows the construction of humanised antibodies which have a minimal risk of inducing a HAMA response, whilst still having an effective antibody effector function.

The term 'sequence homology', as used herein, refers either to DNA sequence homology or to amino acid sequence homology. The term 'homology' refers to the similarity between two sequences, and is standard in the art. We prefer that the sequence homology is amino acid sequence homology. Amino acid sequence homology can be assessed by any one of a number of methods, commonly involving the computerised search of sequence databases. These methods are well known to the person skilled in the art. We also prefer that the homology is assessed over the length of the framework regions.

As used herein, the term "human", in relation to antibodies, relates to any antibody which is expected to elicit little, or no, immunogenic response in a human subject, the subject in question being an individual or a group.

It will be appreciated that, in general, it is preferred that all of the CDR's from a given antibody be grafted into an acceptor antibody, in order to preserve the epitope binding region. However, there may be occasions when it is appro-

appropriate or desirable for less than the total number of CDR's to be grafted into the donor, and these are envisaged by the present invention.

We particularly prefer that all of the CDR's from the non-human antibody be grafted into the human antibody. Further, we prefer that certain areas of the framework regions be incorporated into the acceptor antibody (also referred to as the human antibody, herein) in order to maintain the 3-dimensional structure of the non-human recognition site. Such areas of the framework regions typically comprise individual amino acid residues selected for their importance, in accordance with the guidelines below. In particular, those residues which are rare in human, but common in the relevant non-human antibody, and those residues having a high probability of interacting directly with the epitope or the recognition site, are preferred to be grafted together with the CDR's.

When grafting the CDR's into the human antibody, it will normally be the case that the non-human CDR replaces a relevant human CDR in its entirety, particularly where both are of the same length. However, it may also be the case that only a part of a human CDR is replaced, or only a part of the non-human CDR is grafted, the two usually going hand-in-hand. It may also be the case that one CDR is bigger than the other but, whatever the situation, it is highly preferred to keep the human framework regions intact, other than for the replacements described above.

It will also be appreciated that the CDR's from the non-human antibody should generally be used to replace the corresponding CDR's in the human antibody. However, it is possible that a skeleton human light or heavy chain, in which the CDR regions of the human antibody chain have already been removed, can be used as an acceptor. In this case, CDR's from the non-human antibody can be introduced into the human chain at the positions previously occupied by the original human CDR's.

It will also be understood that the human heavy and light chains need not necessarily come from the same human antibody, nor even from the same class. What is important is that the sequence of the selected acceptor matches, as closely as possible, the sequence of the non-human antibody. The importance of matching the two chains (light/light or heavy/heavy) is that the resulting antibody should have a recognition site as closely resembling that of the original non-human antibody as possible, to ensure the best binding. Thus, the present invention also envisages the possibility of using matches which are not the closest possible, where there is a reasonable expectation that the resulting recombinant antibody will serve the required purpose.

Where antibodies are discussed herein, it will also be understood that similar considerations apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to any nucleic acid sequences encoding them, as appropriate.

A selection method based upon sequence homology alone, with no other constraints, makes it possible for the donor and the acceptor to share at least 70% amino acid identity in the FR portions. By adopting this approach, it is possible to reduce the number of amino acids grafted from the donor, with respect to known methods, and thus to minimise induction of the HAMA response.

It will be appreciated that the role of amino acid residues that occur rarely in the donor subgroup cannot be fully defined, since techniques for predicting the three-dimensional structure of an antibody molecule from its primary sequence (hereinafter referred to as "molecular modelling") have limited accuracy. Known methods, such as the method of Queen and co-workers [Queen *et. al.*, *supra*], do not indicate whether the amino acid residue from the donor or from the acceptor should be selected in such a position. The selection of an acceptor molecule based upon sequence homology alone can significantly reduce the need to make this type of selection.

As used herein, the term 'recombinant' relates to any substance which has been obtained by genetic engineering, insofar as the substance in question is either modified from the original substance or expressed in a different manner or in a different system from the original.

The term 'antibody', as used herein, is well known in the art, and the nature of the antibody is not crucial to the present invention. The antibody may correspond to any antibody class, where the protein actually corresponds to an antibody class. For example, the antibody may be IgG, IgM, IgA or IgE, and the class may be entirely dependent upon the administration path, for example. It will be appreciated that the heavy chain variable region may comprise a human sequence derived from one subtype of antibody, while the light chain variable region may comprise a sequence derived from a different subtype of antibody. In addition, the present invention may provide an antibody with a combination of heavy and light chains subgroups that does not occur naturally.

We prefer that the antibody of the present invention has an anti-Fas activity, although it will be appreciated that the antibodies may potentially be prepared against any antigen. We particularly prefer that the molecule is an IgM molecule with anti-Fas activity. In fact, we have also discovered that if an IgM type construct is used without the J chain, which forms a pentameric antibody structure with 5 heavy and light chain pairs, then apoptotic activity is increased with respect to a molecule containing the J chain.

The terms 'light chain' and 'heavy chain' are well known in the art. It will be appreciated that these terms, as used herein, do not necessarily refer to the full length chains, the only requirement being that the recombinant antibody molecule of the invention is able to maintain activity against an antigen, most preferably the Fas antigen.

We prefer that the amino acid sequence derived from the non-human antibody allows the antibody to cross react with an antigen, and therefore contains a CDR region, or corresponds to a CDR region. It will be appreciated that one,

or more, CDR regions may be joined with the human antibody sequence. We particularly prefer that each heavy and light chain contains 3 CDR regions, and wherein the CDR regions are derived from the same non-human antibody.

The non-human region or regions may be derived from any source from which it is possible to generate antibodies. Although this is most conveniently the mouse, other sources, such as rats and rabbits are also possible. We prefer that the non-human regions are essentially CDR regions derived from the mouse CH11 antibody, which reacts with the human Fas antibody.

We prefer that the amino acid regions derived from the human antibody essentially comprise the framework regions ("FRs") of the antibody. In addition, the constant region, or a portion of the constant region, of the antibody may be present.

The FRs are present in the variable region of an H or L chain subunit of an immunoglobulin molecule. For instance, FRH₁ refers to the framework region located at the most N-terminal position in the variable region of an H chain subunit, and FRL₄ refers to the fourth framework region from the N-terminus of the variable region of an L chain subunit. Similarly, CDRH₁, for example, refers to the CDR present at the most N-terminal position in the variable region of an H chain subunit, and CDRL₃ refers to the third CDR from the N-terminus of the variable region of an L chain subunit. The FRs flank the CDR regions in any light or heavy chain.

The antibodies of the present invention have substantially no more immunogenicity in a human patient than a human antibody. This is essentially because the part of the antibody corresponding to a heterologous constant region is not present. Thus, the antibodies of the present invention may have a portion of the variable region originating from a mouse monoclonal antibody, such as CH11, but the mouse constant region has been eliminated. We prefer that the number of amino acids derived from the non-human antibody is further reduced, in order that immunogenicity is eliminated, whilst retaining desired antibody activity. This is achieved by selection of the human antibodies on the basis of sequence homology, as described above.

In addition, we have discovered a further refinement to this method by the provision of an additional selection procedure, designed to identify amino acids from the donor FRs which are important in the maintenance of the structure and function of the donor CDR regions.

Once the human acceptor molecule has been selected for a given chain, then selection of the amino acid residues to be grafted from a FR of a donor is carried out as follows:

The amino acid sequences of the donor and the acceptor are aligned. If the aligned amino acid residues of the FRs differ at any position, it is necessary to decide which residue should be selected. The residue that is chosen should not interfere with, or only have a minimal effect upon, the three-dimensional structure of the CDRs derived from the donor.

Queen *et. al.* [Japanese Provisional Patent Publication No. 4-502408] proposed a method for deciding whether an amino acid residue from the donor FR was to be grafted along with the CDR sequence. According to this method, an amino acid residue from a FR region is grafted onto the acceptor together with the CDR sequence if the residue meets at least one of the following criteria:

1) The amino acid in the human framework region of the acceptor is rarely found at that position in the acceptor, whereas the corresponding amino acid in the donor is commonly found at that position in the acceptor

2) the amino acid is closely located to one of the CDRs; and

3) the amino acid has a side-chain atom within approximately 3 Å of a CDR, as judged by a three-dimensional model of the immunoglobulin, and is potentially able to interact with an antigen or a CDR of a humanised antibody.

A residue identified by criterion (2), above, has often displays the characteristics of criterion (3). Thus, in the present invention, criterion (2) is omitted and two new criteria are introduced. Accordingly, in the present invention, an amino acid residue is grafted from a donor FR along with the CDR if the residue meets at least one of the following criteria:

a) The amino acid in the human framework region of the acceptor is rarely found at that position in the acceptor, whereas the corresponding amino acid in the donor is commonly found at that position in the acceptor;

b) the amino acid has a side-chain atom within approximately 3 Å of a CDR, as judged by a three-dimensional model of the immunoglobulin, and is potentially able to interact with an antigen or a CDR of a humanised antibody;

c) the amino acid is found in a position which is involved in determining the structure of the canonical class of the CDR;

d) the position of the amino acid is found at the contact surface of the heavy and light chains.

With respect to criterion (a), an amino acid is defined as "common" when it is found at that position in 90% or more of the antibodies of the same subclass [Kabat *et al. supra*]. An amino acid is defined as "rare" when it is found in less than 10% of antibodies of the same subclass.

With respect to criterion (c), the position of a canonical class determinant residues can be determined unambiguously according to the information provided by Chothia and co-workers [Chothia *et al. supra*].

With respect to criteria (b) and (d), it is necessary to carry out molecular modelling of the variable regions of the antibody in advance. While any commercially available software for molecular modelling can be used, we prefer that the AbM software is used [Oxford Molecular Limited, Inc.].

Predictions made by molecular modelling have limited accuracy. Therefore, in the present invention, the structure prediction obtained by molecular modelling was assessed by comparing it with X-ray crystallography data from the variable regions of various antibodies.

When using a structural model generated by molecular modelling (AbM software), two atoms are presumed to be in contact with each other by van der Waal's forces when the distance between the two atoms is less than the sum of their van der Waal's radii plus 0.5 Å. A hydrogen bond is presumed to be present when the distance between polar atoms, such as an amide nitrogen and a carbonyl oxygen of the main and side chains, is shorter than 2.9 Å, that is, the average length for a hydrogen bond, plus 0.5 Å. Furthermore, when the distance between the two oppositely charged atoms is shorter than 2.85 Å plus 0.5 Å, they are presumed to form an ion pair.

The positions of amino acids in the FR which frequently contact a CDR were identified, based upon X-ray crystallography data from the variable regions of various antibodies. These positions were determined irrespective of subgroups. For the light chains, these are positions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 23, 35, 36, 46, 48, 49, 58, 69, 71 and 88, and for the heavy chains positions 2, 4, 27, 28, 29, 30, 36, 38, 46, 47, 48, 49, 66, 67, 69, 71, 73, 78, 92, 93, 94 and 103. The above amino acid numbering follows the definition of Kabat *et al.*, [Kabat *et al. supra*]. This numbering system is followed hereinafter. When molecular modelling was used, the amino acid positions listed above were shown to be in contact with CDR residues in two thirds of the antibody variable regions that were examined.

These findings were used to define criterion (b) above. Specifically, if an amino acid position in an FR is predicted both to contact a CDR by molecular modelling and is frequently found experimentally to contact a CDR by X-ray crystallographic analysis, then the grafting of the amino acid residue of the donor is made a priority. In any other case, criterion (b) is not considered.

Similarly, with respect to criterion (d), X-ray crystallography data from the variable regions of a number of antibodies indicates that the amino acid residues at positions 36, 38, 43, 44, 46, 49, 87 and 98 in light chains and those at positions 37, 39, 45, 47, 91, 103 and 104 in heavy chains are frequently involved in the contact between heavy and light chains. If any of these amino acids are predicted to be involved in light and heavy chain contact by molecular modelling, then grafting of the amino acid residue of the donor is given priority. In any other case, the criterion (d) is not considered.

It will be appreciated that the present invention further provides DNA and RNA encoding any of the above identified antibodies, especially DNA. DNA and RNA encoding both the heavy and light chains is provided.

It will be appreciated that the DNA may be in any suitable form so that it may be incorporated into a vector, suitably an expression vector. It may also be associated with any other suitable sequences, such as leader sequences or sequences for the expression of the encoded protein in the form of a fusion protein, for example.

The present invention further envisages a host cell transformed with a vector as defined above, and a system for the expression of a protein of the invention comprising such a host cell transformed with one or more expression vectors containing the above DNA. The protein of the invention may be obtained from such systems, after cultivation of the system, by standard techniques.

Certain preferred aspects and embodiments of the present invention now follow:

A genetically engineered immunoglobulin M(IgM) protein, said IgM protein having an apoptosis-inducing activity without having a J chain protein, wherein the IgM protein is composed solely of one of a light polypeptide chain protein comprising the amino acid sequence as defined in SEQ ID No. 78 of Sequence Listing, a light polypeptide chain protein comprising the amino acid sequence as defined in SEQ ID No. 80 of Sequence Listing, a light polypeptide chain protein comprising the amino acid sequence as defined in SEQ ID No. 82 of Sequence Listing or a light polypeptide chain protein comprising the amino acid sequence as defined in SEQ ID No. 84 of Sequence Listing and one of a heavy polypeptide chain protein comprising the amino acid sequence as defined in SEQ ID No. 86 of Sequence Listing or a heavy polypeptide chain protein comprising the amino acid sequence as defined in SEQ ID No. 88 of Sequence Listing.

It will be appreciated that there are four preferred light chain sequences and two preferred heavy chain sequences. Any of the light chain sequences may be combined with any of the heavy chain sequences. Thus, preferred combinations are:

- The light chain as defined by SEQ ID No. 78 and heavy chain defined by Seq ID No. 86.
- The light chain as defined by SEQ ID No. 78 and heavy chain defined by Seq ID No. 88.
- The light chain as defined by SEQ ID No. 80 and heavy chain defined by Seq ID No. 86.
- The light chain as defined by SEQ ID No. 80 and heavy chain defined by Seq ID No. 88.

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The light chain as defined by SEQ ID No. 84 and heavy chain defined by Seq ID No. 88.

5 The invention further provides DNA encoding any of the 8 proteins defined above. These sequences are given as SEQ ID Nos. 77, 79, 81, 83, 85 and 87, encoding proteins defined by SEQ ID Nos. 78, 80, 82, 84, 86 and 88 respectively. Also preferred is DNA which hybridises with such DNA, preferably under conditions of 60 - 70 °C and in 6 x SSC.

Further preferred is a recombinant DNA vector containing any of the DNA described above, especially recombinant DNA vectors pHxKY2-58, pHxKF2-19, pHxRY2-10, pHxRF2-52, pH μ H5-1 and pH μ M1-1. The present invention also
10 includes cells transformed with such vectors, especially *E. coli* strain pHxKY2-58 (FERM BP-5861), *E. coli* strain pHxKF2-19 (FERM BP-5860), *E. coli* strain pHxRY2-10 (FERM BP-5859), *E. coli* strain pHxRF2-52 (FERM BP-5862), *E. coli* strain pH μ H5-1 (FERM BP-5863) and *E. coli* strain pH μ M1-1 (FERM BP-5864).

A preferred method for producing an immunoglobulin protein of the present invention comprises:

15 culturing a cell transformed by a DNA vector described above under conditions which enable expression of DNA encoding the immunoglobulin H chain or L chain subunit contained in the vector, and recovering the immunoglobulin protein from the culture.

The present invention further provides use of a humanised anti-Fas antibody as defined above in the manufacture
20 of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of one of the physiological conditions referred to herein, especially autoimmune diseases and rheumatic diseases.

Essentially, we have successfully cloned the genes coding for the H and L chains of a mouse IgM anti-human Fas monoclonal antibody from a cDNA library prepared from antibody-producing hybridoma cells. The full-length nucleotide sequences were determined. The positions of the CDRs regions were then identified in each chain. Amino acid
25 sequences were selected containing these CDRs regions, along with several amino acid residues from the framework regions. These sequences were grafted into the H and L chains of human IgM immunoglobulins, in order to obtain complete H and L chains of humanised anti-human Fas antibodies.

DNA encoding the humanised H and L chains was cloned into expression vectors. Co-transfection of an H chain expression vector and an L-chain expression vector into cultured animal cells allowed the production of a protein having
30 an apoptosis-inducing activity and that was functional as an anti-human Fas antibody.

The DNA of the present invention may be obtained by first preparing poly(A)⁺ RNA from mouse hybridoma cells producing anti-human Fas monoclonal antibody, such as CH11. The poly(A)⁺ RNA may then be converted to cDNA using a reverse transcriptase, and purifying the cDNA encoding the H and L chains of the antibody. Yonehara *et al.* [(1989), *J. Exp. Med.*; 169, 1747 *et seq.*] obtained an anti-human Fas monoclonal antibody, which was designated
35 CH11, by fusion of mouse myeloma cells with mouse lymphocytes after the mice had been immunised with the Fas-expressing human diploid fibroblast cell-line FS-7. CH11 derived from the hybridoma is itself commercially available from Igaku-seibutsugaku Kenkyujo, K.K.

Poly(A)⁺ RNA may be obtained either by first preparing total RNA and then purifying poly(A)⁺ RNA from the total RNA using, for example an affinity column packed with oligo(dT) cellulose, oligo(dT) latex beads etc., or it may be
40 obtained by directly purifying poly(A)⁺ RNA from cell lysates using such affinity materials as described above. Total RNA may be prepared, for example, by such methods as: alkaline sucrose density gradient ultracentrifugation [c.f. Dougherty, W. G. and Hiebert, E., (1980), *Virology*, 101, 466-474]; the guanidine thiocyanate-phenol method; the guanidine thiocyanate-trifluoroacetic acid method; and the phenol-SDS method. The preferred method, however, employs guanidine thiocyanate and caesium chloride [c.f. Chirgwin, J. M., *et al.* (1979), *Biochemistry*, 18, 5294-5299].

45 The single stranded (ss) cDNA obtained by the use of reverse transcriptase, as described above, can then be converted to double stranded (ds) cDNA. Suitable methods for obtaining the ds cDNA include the S1 nuclease method [c.f. Efstratiadis, A., *et al.*, (1976), *Cell*, 7, 279-288] and the Gubler-Hoffman method [c.f. Gubler, U. and Hoffman, B. J., (1983), *Gene*, 25, 263-269]. However, we prefer to employ the Okayama-Berg method [c.f. Okayama, H. and Berg, P., (1982), *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 2, 161-170].

50 The ds cDNA obtained above may then be integrated into a cloning vector and the resulting recombinant vector can then be used to transform a suitable micro-organism, such as *E. coli*. The transformant can be selected using a standard method, such as by selecting for tetracycline resistance or ampicillin resistance encoded by the recombinant vector. If *E. coli* is used, then transformation may be effected by the Hanahan method [c.f. Hanahan, D (1983), *J. Mol. Biol.*, 166, 557-580]. Alternatively, the recombinant vector may be introduced into competent cells prepared by co-
55 exposure to calcium chloride and either magnesium chloride or rubidium chloride. If a plasmid is used as a vector, then it is highly desirable that the plasmid harbours a drug-resistant gene, such as mentioned above, in order to facilitate selection. Brute force selection is possible, but not preferred. Although plasmids have been discussed, it will be appreciated that other cloning vehicles, such as lambda phages, may be used.

Methods for selecting transformants having the desired DNA include the following:

(1) Screening using a synthetic oligonucleotide probe

5 If all or part of the amino acid sequence of the desired protein has been elucidated, then a short contiguous sequence, which is also representative of the desired protein, may be used to construct an oligonucleotide probe. The probe encodes the amino acid sequence but, owing to the degeneracy of the genetic code, there may be a large number of probes that can be prepared. Thus, an amino acid sequence will normally be selected which can only be encoded by a limited number of oligonucleotides. The number of oligonucleotides which it is necessary to produce can be further reduced by the substitution of inosine where any of the four normal bases can be used. The probe is then suitably labelled, such as with ^{32}P , ^{35}S or biotin, and is then hybridised with denatured, transformed DNA from the transformant which has been immobilised on a nitrocellulose filter. Positive strains show up by detection of the label on the probe.

15 (2) Screening by polymerase chain reaction

If all or part of the amino acid sequence of the desired protein has been elucidated, then sense and antisense oligonucleotide primers corresponding to separate non-contiguous parts of the amino acid sequence can be synthesised. These primers can then be used in the polymerase chain reaction technique [c.f. Saiki, R. K., *et al.* (1988), *Science*, 239, 487-491] to amplify the desired DNA fragment coding for the mouse anti-human Fas monoclonal antibody subunit. The template DNA used herein may be cDNA synthesised by a reverse transcriptase reaction using mRNA obtained from a hybridoma producing anti-human Fas antibody, such as that which expresses CH11. The DNA fragment thus synthesised may either be directly integrated into a plasmid vector, such as by using a commercial kit, or may be labelled with, for example, ^{31}P , ^{35}S or biotin, and then used as a probe for colony hybridisation or plaque hybridisation to obtain the desired clone.

Monoclonal antibody CH11 is an immunoglobulin M ("IgM") molecule, a complex comprising five subunits each of the H (μ chain) and L chains, and one J chain. Thus, in order to elucidate partial amino acid sequences for the subunits, the subunits must be separated, and this can be done using any suitable technique, such as electrophoresis, column chromatography, etc. well known to those skilled in the art. Once the subunits have been separated, they can be sequenced, such as by the use of an automatic protein sequencer (for example, PPSQ-10 of Shimadzu), in order to determine the amino acid sequence of at least the N-terminal of each subunit. Oligonucleotides/primers can then be produced using this knowledge.

Harvesting of DNA encoding each subunit of anti-human Fas monoclonal antibody from the appropriate transformants obtained above may be performed by well known techniques, such as those described by Maniatis, T., *et al.* [in "Molecular Cloning A Laboratory Manual" Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, NY, (1982)]. For example, the region of DNA coding for the desired subunit may be excised from plasmid DNA after separating the fraction corresponding to the vector DNA from a transformant which has been determined to possess the necessary plasmid.

E. coli DH5 α has been transformed with plasmids containing DNA encoding the heavy and light chains of CH11, prepared as described above, and the resulting two transformants (designated *E. coli* pCR3-H123 and *E. coli* pCR3-L103 respectively) have been deposited in accordance with the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the Deposition of Microorganisms at the Kogyo Gijutsuin Seimei-Kogaku Kogyo Gijutsu Kenkyujo (NIBH) on February 28, 1996, and have been allocated deposit Nos. FERM BP-5427 and FERM BP-5428, respectively. *E. coli* DH5 α containing these plasmids may be cultivated in a directly comparable manner to *E. coli* DH5 α not possessing these plasmids. All deposited strains may be selected by their resistance to ampicillin. The DNA of the present invention, therefore, may be obtained using these deposits. This can be done, for example, either by cultivating the deposits and isolating the plasmids, or by using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) using the plasmids as templates.

Wherever appropriate, DNA sequences may be sequenced in accordance by various well known methods in the art including, for example, the Maxam-Gilbert chemical modification technique [c.f. Maxam, A. M. and Gilbert, W. (1980) in "Methods in Enzymology" 65, 499-276] and the dideoxy chain termination method using M13 phage [c.f. Messing, J. and Vieira, J. (1982), *Gene*, 19, 269-276]. In recent years, a further method for sequencing DNA has gained wide acceptance, and involves the use of a fluorogenic dye in place of the conventional radioisotope in the dideoxy method. The whole process is computerised, including the reading of the nucleotide sequence after electrophoresis. Suitable machinery for the process is, for example, the Perkin-Elmer Sequence robot "CATALYST 800" and the Perkin-Elmer model 373A DNA Sequencer. The use of this technique renders the determination of DNA nucleotide sequences both efficient and safe.

Based on the data of the thus determined nucleotide sequences and the respective N-terminal amino acid sequences of the H and L chains of CH11, the entire amino acid sequences of the H and L chains of CH11 can be determined.

Accordingly, from the thus determined nucleotide sequences of the DNA encoding the H and L chains of CH11, in conjunction with the sequence data for the N-termini of the H and L chains, it was possible to determine the entire amino acid sequence of the H and L chains of CH11.

The CDR regions, FR regions and the constant region of the H and L chains of CH11 were identified by comparing amino acid sequence of the H and L chains with the known amino acid sequences of immunoglobulins determined by Kabat [Kabat *et al.*, *supra*]

The DNA encoding the variable regions of the H and L chains of a humanised anti-human Fas antibody of the present invention may be prepared in a number of ways.

In one method, polynucleotide fragments of between 60 and 70 nucleotides in length may be synthesised which represent partial nucleotide sequences of the desired DNA. The synthesis process is arranged such that the ends of fragments of the sense strand alternate with those of the antisense strand. The resulting polynucleotide fragments can be annealed to one another and ligated by DNA ligase. In this way the desired DNA fragment encoding the variable regions of the H and L chains of the humanised anti-human Fas antibody may be obtained.

Alternatively, DNA coding for the entire variable region of the acceptor may be isolated from human lymphocytes. Site directed mutagenesis may be used to introduce restriction sites into the regions encoding the CDRs of the donor. The CDRs may then be excised from the acceptor using the relevant restriction enzyme. DNA encoding the CDRs of the donor can then be synthesised and ligated into the acceptor molecule, using DNA ligase.

We prefer that DNA encoding the variable regions of the H and L chains of a desired humanised anti-human Fas antibody is obtained by the technique of overlap extension PCR [Horton, *e. al.*, (1989), *Gene*, 77, 61-68].

Overlap extension PCR allows two DNA fragments, each coding for a desired amino acid sequence, to be joined. For the sake of example, the two fragments are herein designated as (A) and (B). A sense primer (C) of 20 to 40 nucleotides which anneals with a 5' region of (A) is synthesised, along with an antisense primer of 20 to 40 nucleotides (D), which anneals with a 3'-region of (B). Two further primers are required. First, a chimaeric sense primer (E), which comprises 20 to 30 nucleotides from a 3'-region of (A) joined to 20 to 30 nucleotides from a 5'-region of (B). Secondly, an antisense primer (F) is required, complementary to the sense primer.

A PCR reaction may be carried out using primers (C) and (F), in combination with a DNA template containing fragment A. This allows a DNA product to be produced comprising 20 to 30 nucleotides of the 5'-region of (B) joined to the 3'-end of (A). This fragment is termed fragment (G).

Similarly, PCR may be carried out using primers (D) and (E), in combination with a DNA template containing fragment B. This allows a DNA product to be produced comprising 20 to 30 nucleotides of the 3'-region of (A) joined to the 5'-end of (B). This fragment is termed fragment (H).

The (G) and (H) fragments carry complementary sequences of 40 to 60 nucleotides in the 3'-region of (G) and 40 to 60 nucleotides in the 5'-region of (H), respectively. A PCR reaction may be carried out using a mixture of the (G) and (H) fragments as a template. In the first denaturation step, the DNA becomes single stranded. Most of the DNA returns to the original form in the subsequent annealing step. However, a part of the DNA forms a heterologous DNA duplex, due to the annealing of (G) and (H) fragments in the region of sequence overlap. In the subsequent extension step, the protruding single-stranded portions are repaired to result in chimaeric DNA which represents a ligation of (A) and (B). This DNA fragment is hereinafter referred to as (I). Fragment (I) can be amplified using primer (C) and primer (D).

In embodiments of the present invention, fragments (A) and (B) may represent DNA encoding the CDR regions of the H and L chains of a mouse humanised anti-human Fas monoclonal antibody, DNA coding for the FR regions of human immunoglobulin IgM or DNA coding for the secretion signal of human immunoglobulin IgM.

The codon or codons which correspond to a desired amino acid are known. When designing a DNA sequence from which to produce a protein, any suitable codon may be selected. For example, a codon can be selected based upon the codon usage of the host. Partial modification of a nucleotide sequence can be accomplished by the standard technique of site directed mutagenesis, utilising synthetic oligonucleotide primers encoding the desired modifications [Mark, D. F., *et al.*, (1984) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 81, 5662-5666]. By using selected primers to introduce a specific point mutation or mutations, DNA coding for the variable regions of the H and L chains of any desired humanised anti-human Fas antibody can be obtained.

Integration of DNA of the present invention thus obtained into an expression vector allows transformation of prokaryotic or eukaryotic host cells. Such expression vectors will typically contain suitable promoters, replication sites and sequences involved in gene expression, allowing the DNA to be expressed in the host cell.

The four transformant strains carrying plasmids encoding the variable regions of the L chains of a humanised anti-human Fas antibody were deposited with the Kogyo Gijutsuin Seimei-Kogaku Kogyo Gijutsu Kenkyujo on March 11, 1997 in accordance with the Budapest Treaty. These strains were *E. coli* pHxKY2-58, *E. coli* pHxKF2-19, *E. coli* pHxRY2-10 and *E. coli* pHxRF2-52, having the accession numbers FERM BP-5861, BP-5860, BP-5859 and BP-5862, respectively.

The two transformant strains carrying plasmids encoding the variable regions of the H chains of a humanised anti-

human Fas antibody were deposited with the Kogyo Gijutsuin Seimei-Kogaku Kogyo Gijutsu Kenkyujo on March 11, 1997 in accordance with the Budapest Treaty. These strains were *E. coli* pHuH5-1 and *E. coli* pHuM1-1, having the accession numbers FERM BP-5863 and BP-5864 respectively.

The DNA of the present invention may be obtained using these deposits. This can be done, for example by culturing the deposits and isolating the plasmids, or by using PCR using the plasmids as templates.

Suitable prokaryotic host cells include, for example, *E. coli* (*Escherichia coli*) and *Bacillus subtilis*. In order to express the gene of interest in such host cells, these host cells may be transformed with a plasmid vector containing a replicon derived from a species compatible with the host, typically having an origin of replication and a promoter sequence, such as lac UV5. These vectors preferably have sequences capable of conferring a selection phenotype on the transformed cell.

A suitable strain of *E. coli* is strain JM109 derived from *E. coli* K12. Suitable vectors include pBR322 and the pUC series plasmids. Suitable promoters include the lactose promoter (*lac*) and the tryptophan lactose promoter (*trc*). In general, it will be appreciated that the present invention is not limited to the use of such hosts, vectors, promoters, etc., as exemplified herein and that any suitable systems may be used, as desired.

A suitable preferred strain of *Bacillus subtilis* is strain 207-25, and a preferred vector is pTUB228 [c.f. Ohmura, K., et al, (1984), J. Biochem., 95, 87-93]. A suitable promoter is the regulatory sequence of the *Bacillus subtilis* α -amylase gene. If desired, the DNA sequence encoding the signal peptide sequence of α -amylase may be linked to the DNA of the present invention to enable extracellular secretion.

Suitable eukaryotic cell hosts include those from vertebrates, yeasts, etc. Suitable vertebrate cells include, for example, the monkey cell line COS [c.f. Gluzman, Y. (1981), Cell, 23, 175-182]. Suitable yeasts include *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*.

In general, the requirements for suitable expression vectors for vertebrate cells are that they comprise: a promoter usually upstream of the gene to be expressed; an RNA splicing site; a polyadenylation site; and a transcription termination sequence, etc. As desired, they may additionally contain, as needed, an origin of replication. A suitable plasmid is pSV2dhfr containing the SV40 early promoter [c.f. Subramani, S., et al, (1981), Mol. Cell. Biol., 1, 854-884].

Suitable eukaryotic micro-organisms are the yeasts, such as *S. cerevisiae*, and suitable expression vectors for yeasts include pAH301, pAH82 and YEp51. Suitable vectors contain, for example, the promoter of the alcohol dehydrogenase gene [c.f. Bennetzen, J. L. and Hall, B. D. (1982), J. Biol. Chem., 257, 3018-3025] or of the carboxypeptidase Y GAL10 promoter [c.f. Ichikawa, K., et al, (1993), Biosci. Biotech. Biochem., 57, 1686-1690]. If desired, the DNA sequence encoding the signal peptide sequence of carboxypeptidase Y may be linked to the DNA to be expressed in order to enable extracellular secretion.

In the case of COS cells being used as hosts, suitable vectors comprise the SV40 replication origin, enabling autonomous growth, a transcription promoter, a transcription termination signal and an RNA splicing site. The expression vectors can be used to transform the cells by any suitable method, such as the DEAE-dextran method [c.f. Luthman, H. and Magnusson, G. (1983), Nucleic Acids Res., 11, 1295-1308], the phosphate calcium-DNA co-precipitation method [c.f. Graham, F. L. and van der Eb, A. J. (1973), Virology, 52, 456-457] and the electric pulse electroporation method [c.f. Neumann, E., et al, (1982), EMBO J., 1, 841-845]. In a preferred embodiment COS cells are co-transfected with two separate expression vectors - one containing DNA encoding a protein comprising the variable region of the H chain of CH11 and one containing DNA encoding a protein comprising the variable region of the L chain of CH11, these vectors being expressed simultaneously to generate a humanised recombinant anti-human Fas antibody.

Transformants of the present invention may be cultured using conventional methods, the desired proteins being expressed either intra- or extra-cellularly. Suitable culture media include various commonly used media, and will generally be selected according to the host chosen. For example, suitable media for COS cells include RPMI-1640 and Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Minimum Essential medium which can be supplemented with, as desired, foetal bovine serum (FBS). The culture temperature may be any suitable temperature which does not markedly depress the protein synthesis capability of the cell, and is preferably in the range of 32 to 42°C, most preferably 37°C, especially for mammalian cells. If desired, culture may be effected in an atmosphere containing 1 to 10% (v/v) carbon dioxide.

The protein expressed by the transformants of the present invention may be isolated and purified by various well known methods of separation according whether the protein is expressed intra- or extra-cellularly and depending on such considerations as the physical and chemical properties of the protein. Suitable specific methods of separation include: treatment with commonly used precipitating agents for protein; various methods of chromatography such as ultrafiltration, molecular sieve chromatography (gel filtration), adsorption chromatography, ion exchange chromatography, affinity chromatography and high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC); dialysis; and combinations thereof.

By the use of such methods as described above, the desired protein can be readily obtained in high yields and high purity. Even though they lack the J chain, the humanised anti-human Fas antibodies of the present invention have a cytotoxic activity equivalent to, or better than that of CH11.

The specific binding activity of proteins of the present invention for Fas antigen may be determined, for example,

by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA). This technique comprises immobilising a test antigen on the bottom surface of wells of a 96-well plate, then introducing a test sample into the wells. After a washing step, the wells are then exposed to an enzyme-labelled antibody that specifically recognises the H chain (μ chain) of human IgM. The cells are then washed again, and any label remaining in the wells is detected. cDNA encoding for human Fas antigen has previously been disclosed and methods for introducing the cDNA into animal cells for expression thereof are also known [c.f. Itoh, N., *et al.* (1991), *Cell*, **66**, 233-243]. Antigen for use in the above ELISA method can be obtained from the culture supernatant of cells which have been transformed with an expression vector containing the gene encoding a fusion protein comprising the extracellular region of the human Fas antigen and the extracellular region of mouse interleukin 3 receptor, as disclosed in Itoh (*supra*).

The ability of the proteins of the present invention to induce apoptosis can be established, for example, by culturing cells such as the human lymphocyte cell line HPB-ALL (Morikawa, S., *et al.* (1978) *Int. J. Cancer* **21**, 166-170) or Jurkat (American Type Culture No. TIB-152) etc.) in medium in which the test sample has been or will be added. The survival rate may then be determined by an MTT assay (Green, L. M., *et al.* (1984) *J. Immunological Methods* **70**, 257-268).

Using the DNA of the present invention, it is possible to produce a Fv fragment composed essentially only of the variable regions of H and L chains, or a single-strand Fv in which H and L chains are connected via a flexible peptide ['scFv', Huston, J. S., *et al.* (1988) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **85**, 5879].

The present invention also provides methods and therapeutic compositions for treating the conditions referred to above. Such compositions typically comprise a therapeutically effective amount of the protein of the present invention in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor. The composition may be administered in any suitable manner, such as by parenteral, intravenous, subcutaneous or topical administration. In particular, where the condition to be treated is local, then it is preferred to administer the protein as close as possible to the site. For example, serious rheumatic pain may be experienced in major joints, and the protein may be administered at such locations. Systemically administered proteins of the present invention are particularly preferably administered in the form of a pyrogen-free, therapeutically, particularly parenterally, acceptable aqueous solution. The preparation of such pharmaceutically acceptable protein solutions with regard to aspects such as pH, isotonicity, stability and the like, is well within the skill of the person skilled in the art. In addition, the compositions of the present invention may comprise such further ingredients as may be deemed appropriate, such as cell growth retardants and other medicaments.

The dosage regimen for the various conditions treatable with the proteins of the present invention will be readily apparent to one skilled in the art, taking into account various factors, such as the condition, body weight, sex and diet of the patient, the severity of any symptoms, time, the desirability of repeat treatment, as well as any other appropriate clinical factors. As a general guide, the daily dose should typically be in the range of 1 - 1000 μ g protein per kilogram of body weight.

The humanised anti-human Fas antibodies of the present invention are able to bind to the human Fas antigen as well as having a superior apoptosis-inducing activity. Therefore, the antibodies provided in the present invention are useful as anti-rheumatic agents. In addition, the anti-rheumatic agents provided by the present invention all involve genetically-engineered humanised immunoglobulins, which reduces the potential toxicity of the preparations.

The invention will now be explained in more detail with reference to the following Examples, the Examples being illustrative of, but not binding upon, the present invention. The Examples represent specific embodiments of the present invention. A summary of the Figures referred to in the Examples is as follows:

Figure 1 shows the construction of a cDNA library for cloning of the full-length DNA coding for the subunits of CH11.

Figure 2 shows the cloning of the full-length DNA coding for the subunits of CH11.

Figure 3 shows the strategy used for sequencing of the H chain.

Figure 4 shows the strategy used for sequencing of the L chain.

Figure 5 shows the first step PCR for the preparation of VL-KY and VL-KF DNA fragments.

Figure 6 shows the second step PCR for the preparation of VL-KY and VL-KF DNA fragments.

Figure 7 shows the third step PCR for the preparation of VL-KY and VL-KF DNA fragments.

Figure 8 shows the construction of plasmids pHkKY2-58 and pHkKF2-19.

Figure 9 shows the first step PCR for the preparation of VL-RY and VL-RF DNA fragments.

Figure 10 shows the second step PCR for the preparation of VL-RY and VL-RF DNA fragments.

Figure 11 shows the construction of plasmids pHkRY2-10 and pHkRF2-52.

Figure 12 shows the preparation of MEC DNA fragment.

Figure 13 shows the construction of plasmid pMEC22.

Figure 14 shows first step PCR for the preparation of the VH1234 DNA fragment.

Figure 15 shows the second step PCR for the preparation of the VH1234 DNA fragment.

Figure 16 shows the third step PCR for the preparation of the VH1234 DNA fragment.

Figure 17 shows the construction of plasmid pMEHC20.

Figure 18 shows the first step PCR for the preparation of HUMFR5' DNA, HUMFR3' DNA, MOUFR5' DNA and

MOUFR3' DNA fragments.

Figure 19 shows the second step PCR for the preparation of HUMFR2 DNA and MOUFR2 DNA fragments.

Figure 20 shows the construction of plasmids pHFR3 and pHFR4.

Figure 21 shows the first step PCR for the preparation of the HHC123 DNA fragment.

Figure 22 shows the second step PCR for the preparation of the HHC123 DNA fragment.

Figure 23 shows the third step PCR for the preparation of HHC123 DNA fragment.

Figure 24 shows the construction of plasmid pMECW5.

Figure 25 shows the construction of plasmids pHCMH and pHCMU.

Figure 26 shows the first step PCR for the preparation of FASAIC DNA fragment.

Figure 27 shows the second step PCR for the preparation of FASAIC DNA fragment.

Figure 28 shows the construction of plasmid pHFas-AIC2.

Figure 29 shows the determination of Fas-binding activity by ELISA.

Figure 30 shows the determination of Fas-binding activity by ELISA.

Figure 31 shows the determination of cytotoxic activity in HPB-ALL cells.

Any methods, preparations, solutions and such like which are not specifically defined may be found in 'Molecular cloning - A laboratory Handbook'. (*supra*). All solutions are aqueous and made up in sterile deionised water, unless otherwise specified.

REFERENCE EXAMPLE 1

Cloning of DNA Encoding the Variable Region of Mouse Monoclonal Antibody CH11 against the Human Fas Antigen

(1-1) Preparation of poly(A)[±] RNA

Total RNA was prepared from a CH11-producing hybridoma [obtained from Yonehara, see Yonehara *et al.*, (1989), J. Exp. Med., 169, 1747 *et seq.*] in accordance with the method described by Chirgwin and co-workers [Chirgwin, J. M., *et al.*, (1979) Biochemistry, 18, 5294, *et seq.*]. Specifically, the CH11-producing hybridoma [Yonehara, S., *et al.*, (1994), International Immunology 6, 1849-1856] was cultured in ASF104 medium [Ajinomoto] containing 10% (v/v) foetal bovine serum [Gibco]. Approximately 6.7×10^8 cells were harvested by centrifugation and the supernatant was discarded. The resulting pellet of cells was then mixed straightaway with 60 ml of 4 M guanidine thiocyanate solution [Fluka]. The cells in the resulting suspension were subsequently lysed by aspirating the cell suspension through a syringe equipped with a 21-gauge needle three times. The cell lysate thus obtained was layered onto 3 ml of 5.7 M caesium chloride/0.1 M EDTA solution (pH 7.5) in an ultracentrifugation tube [13PA:Hitachi Koki] and the tube was spun in an Hitachi RPS-40T Rotor (13PA tube, 150,000 x g at 20°C for 18 hours) to precipitate the RNA. The precipitated RNA was dissolved in water, extracted with chloroform/1-butanol (4 : 1, v/v) and then re-precipitated with 100% ethanol.

Poly (A)⁺ RNA was purified next from the total, resulting RNA, prepared above, by routine methods [*c.f.* Sambrook, J. *et al.*, (1989), "Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual" (2nd Edition), Cold Spring Harbor Lab., 7.26 - 7.28]. More specifically, a disposable polystyrene column (diameter 0.7 cm) was packed with 100 mg of oligo dT cellulose [Pharmacia, Type 7]. The column was equilibrated with a loading buffer, comprising 20 mM tris-hydrochloric acid (pH 7.6), 0.5 M sodium chloride, 1 mM ethylenediamine tetraacetate (EDTA) and 0.1% (w/v) sodium dodecylsulphate (SDS). Total RNA (approximately 1.2 mg), was then dissolved in a total volume of 400 µl of water by heating at 65°C for 5 minutes, and then 400 µl of loading buffer (made up at double the above concentration) was added to the solution. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature and then poured onto the column. The fraction that passed straight through the column was recovered, heated at 65°C for a further 5 minutes, and poured back onto the column.

The column was next washed with 10 ml of loading buffer, and then further washed with 5 ml of loading buffer containing 0.1 M sodium chloride to remove both non-adsorbates and also non-specific adsorbates. Subsequently, 5 ml of elution buffer [10 mM tris-hydrochloric acid (pH 7.5), 1 mM EDTA and 0.05% (w/v) SDS] was poured onto the column in order to elute specific adsorbates. The resulting eluate was recovered in fractions of 200 µl. The third and fourth 200 µl elution fractions (400 µl in total) were combined, and mixed with 40 µl of 3 M sodium acetate (pH 4.0) and 1 ml of 100% ethanol. The resulting mixture was stored at -20°C overnight. The next day the mixture was spun in a centrifuge (10,000 x g, 4°C for 10 minutes) to recover the pellet. This pellet was used as the poly (A)⁺ RNA sample and was stored at -80°C until it was required for use.

(1-2) Cloning of DNA coding for variable regions

cDNA fragments coding for the variable regions of the H chain and L chain of mouse anti-Fas antigen (CH11) were cloned by 'RT-PCR', which combines reverse transcription (using reverse transcriptase -RT) with the polymerase chain

reaction (PCR). The combination of these techniques allowed the specific amplification of a desired sequence from the poly(A)⁺ RNA sample derived from the CH11-producing hybridoma prepared in (1-1).

Two sets of primers for the RT-PCR reaction were selected from the Ig-Prime Set [Novagen]. MulgV_H5'-B and MulgMV_H3'-1 were used to amplify a region of the H chain, while MulgV_L5' and MulgMV_L3'-1 were used to amplify a region of the L chain. RT-PCR reactions were carried out using both the H chain primer sets and L chain primer sets, respectively.

a) Reverse transcriptase reaction

A reverse transcriptase reaction solution (44 µl) was made up as follows 10 mM tris-hydrochloric acid (pH 8.3), 50 mM potassium chloride, 0.1 mM dATP, 0.1 mM dGTP, 0.1 mM dCTP, 0.1 mM dTTP, 1.5 mM magnesium chloride, 2.5 pmol of H chain or L chain 3'-side primer, 50 ng of the poly (A)⁺ RNA prepared in (1.1) and 20 units of reverse transcriptase [BIOCHEMICAL KOGYO CO., LTD.] derived from Moloney murine leukaemia virus (MMLV) were combined and the resulting mixture was incubated at 42°C for one hour.

b) Amplification by PCR

The reverse transcriptase reaction solution prepared in a) was mixed with 25 pmol of H chain or L chain 5' primer, as appropriate, with 5 units of Taq DNA polymerase [ampliTaq DNA Polymerase obtained from Perkin Elmer, Japan] to a final volume of 100 µl of reaction buffer supplied with kit (buffers and solutions for enzymes are as supplied with supplier's kit, unless otherwise specified). The total, resulting, reaction mixture was heated at 94°C for 2 minutes, and then subjected to a heat cycle of 94°C for one minute, 50°C for one minute and 72°C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. The solution was then kept at 72°C for a further 10 minutes. A gene amplifier PCR system 9600 [Perkin Elmer, Japan] was used to control the reaction temperature in all of the PCR reactions.

c) Assay of PCR product

A portion of the PCR reaction mixture prepared in b) was analysed by gel electrophoresis on a 1.5% (w/v) agarose gel [FMC Bioproducts]. The product of each of the H and L chain PCR reactions was obtained as a band of about 430 bp. The band size was estimated by comparing it with molecular weight markers that had also been run on the same gel.

d) Cloning of PCR product

Each of the PCR products obtained in b) was ligated into separate plasmid vectors using an original TA cloning kit [Invitrogen]. More specifically, 50 ng of the pCRII vector and four units of T4 DNA ligase (both included in the kit) were added to a ligase reaction buffer [6 mM tris-hydrochloric acid (pH 7.5), 6 mM magnesium chloride, 5 mM sodium chloride, 7 mM β-mercaptoethanol, 0.1 mM ATP, 2 mM dithiothreitol (DTT), 1 mM spermidine and 0.1 mg/ml bovine serum albumin]. The ligase reaction buffer also contained a portion of the PCR reaction mixture which was selected such that it contained approximately 10 ng of the desired PCR product, as estimated by gel electrophoresis in c) above. The resulting mixture was incubated at 14°C for 15 hours.

Subsequently, 2 µl of the ligase reaction mixture was mixed with 50 µl of *E. coli*, strain TOP10F' (included in the kit), which had previously been made competent by the addition of 2 µl of 0.5 M β-mercaptoethanol. The resulting transformation mixture was placed on ice for 30 minutes, heated at 42°C for 30 seconds and then placed on ice again for a further 2 minutes. After this time, the mixture was then added to 500 µl of SOC medium [2% (w/v) tryptone, 0.5% (w/v) yeast extract, 0.05% (w/v) sodium chloride, 2.5 mM potassium chloride, 1 mM magnesium chloride, 20 mM glucose], and the resulting mixture was cultured with rotational shaking for one hour (37°C, 110 rpm). The resulting culture was then spread onto L-broth agar medium plates [1% (w/v) tryptone, 0.5% (w/v) yeast extract, 0.5% (w/v) sodium chloride, 0.1% (w/v) glucose, 0.6% (w/v) Bacto Agar (Difco)] containing 100 µg/ml of ampicillin and the plates were cultured at 37°C overnight without shaking.

Ampicillin-resistant colonies generated by this procedure were selected and scraped off with platinum picks. Cells from the selected colonies were separately cultured in 5 ml of L-broth medium containing 100 µg/ml of ampicillin, at 37°C, overnight. The cultures were then centrifuged to pellet the cells and plasmid DNA was prepared from the cells using the alkaline lysis method [c.f. Sambrook, J., *et al*, *supra*]. A plasmid for each of the H and L primer sets was obtained, and these were designated pVH4 (the plasmid containing the fragment amplified using the H chain primer set) and pVL8 (the plasmid containing the fragment amplified using the L chain primer set).

REFERENCE EXAMPLE 2**Determination of the Amino Acid Sequence and Nucleotide Sequence of the Variable Regions of CH11****(2-1) Determination of the N-terminal amino acid sequences of the variable regions of the H chain and L chain of CH11****a) Preparation of CH11**

The CH11-producing hybridoma (see Example 1) was grown to a cell number of 2×10^8 in an ASF 104 medium [Ajinomoto] containing 10% (v/v) of bovine serum [Gibco], and this preparation was then cultured in 50 ml of serum free ASF 104 medium at 37°C for 5 days. After this time, the culture was centrifuged (Tommy Seiko's No. 4 rotor, 15,000 x g, 4°C for 15 minutes) and the supernatant was collected. CH11 was obtained from the culture supernatant using an E-Z-Sep antibody purification kit [Pharmacia Biotech].

b) A portion of the purified CH-11, corresponding to 100 µl of the supernatant prepared in a), was added to 10 µl of 100 mM tris-hydrochloric acid buffer (pH 6.8) containing 10% (v/v) of β-mercaptoethanol and 4% (w/v) SDS. The resulting mixture was denatured by heating at 95°C for 5 minutes. The denatured sample was then subjected to electrophoresis on a 12% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. After electrophoresis the gel was immersed in transfer buffer [25 mM tris-boric acid (pH 9.5), 10% methanol (v/v)] and shaken at room temperature for 15 minutes. The protein bands on the gel were then transferred onto a polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF) membrane [Nippon Millipore Ltd.], using a semi-dry blotting apparatus [Iwaki Glass Co., Ltd.], at a constant current of 0.2 A at 4°C for 1 hour. After this time, the PVDF membrane was stained with a 0.1% (w/v) Coomassie Brilliant Blue solution and destained with 100% methanol. Only two major protein spots were seen, corresponding to the H chain and L chain. These protein spots were excised, and the gel containing them was dried at room temperature.

c) The amino acid sequence of the proteins transferred onto the PVDF membrane in b) was analysed using a gas phase protein sequencer [PPSQ-10; Shimadzu Corporation] using the automatic Edman method [see Edman, P., *et al.*, (1967), *Eur. J. Biochem.* 1, 80 *et seq.*] The N-terminal amino acid sequence of the variable region of the H chain of CH11, and the N-terminal amino acid sequence of the L chain were thus determined, and are shown as SEQ ID NOs. 13 and 14 of the sequence listing, respectively.

(2-2) Determination of DNA nucleotide sequence

The total nucleotide sequences of the cDNA coding for the variable regions of the H and L chains of CH11 were determined by sequencing the inserts in plasmids pVH4 and pVL8 respectively (prepared in Example 1).

The pCRII vector has an SP6 promoter sequence and a T7 promoter sequence, and these flank any inserted cDNA, thus allowing the sequence of the inserts of pVH4 and pVL8 to be determined using oligonucleotide primers [Perkin Elmer, Japan] corresponding to the sequences. Samples for sequence analysis were prepared using these primers and a dye primer cycle-sequencing kit [Perkin Elmer, Japan]. Plasmid DNA from plasmids pVH4 or pVL8 was used as a template. The sequence of each cDNA insert was determined using a DNA sequencer [Model 373, Perkin Elmer, Japan]. The cDNA nucleotide sequence of the H chain variable region is shown as SEQ ID NO. 15 and the cDNA nucleotide sequence of the L chain variable region is shown as SEQ ID NO. 16.

The N-terminal amino acid sequence of the H chain of CH11, represented by amino acid Nos. 1 to 15 of SEQ ID NO. 13 in the sequence listing, corresponds completely to the amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotide Nos. 32 to 76 of SEQ ID NO. 15. Therefore, it was deduced that plasmid pVH4 contains DNA coding for the variable region of the H chain of CH11.

The N-terminal amino acid sequence of the L chain of CH11, represented by amino acid Nos. 1 to 21 of SEQ ID NO. 14 in the sequence listing, corresponds completely to the amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotide Nos. 29 to 91 of SEQ ID NO. 16. Therefore, it was deduced that plasmid pVL8 contains DNA coding for the variable region of the L chain of the CH11.

REFERENCE EXAMPLE 3**Cloning of DNA Encoding the Complete H Chain, L Chain and J Chains of CH11****(3-1) Preparation of a cDNA library**

A cDNA library was prepared by the Okayama-Berg method [Okayama, H. *et al.*, (1987). *Methods in Enzymology* 154, 3-28]. More specifically, 5 µg of poly(A)⁺RNA, as prepared in Example 1-1 (a) from the CH11-producing hybridoma,

were added to 30 µl of reaction mixture [50 mM tris-hydrochloric acid (pH 8.3), 6 mM magnesium chloride, 40 mM potassium chloride, 2 mM dATP, 2 mM dGTP, 2 mM dCTP, 2 mM dTTP, 2 µg vector primer (3'-oligo(dT)-tailed, pcDV-1); Pharmacia] containing 75 units of reverse transcriptase [Seikagaku Kogyo, Co., Ltd.] derived from Avian myeloblastosis virus (AMV). The resulting mixture was incubated at 37°C for 30 minutes.

After this time, an equivalent volume of phenol-chloroform (1 : 1, v/v) was added to the reaction mixture and thoroughly mixed. The resulting mixture was centrifuged (10,000 x g, room temperature, 5 minutes) and the aqueous layer was recovered (this procedure of extracting with phenol:chloroform and recovering the aqueous supernatant is referred hereinafter as "phenol-chloroform extraction"). To the resulting aqueous layer were added 35 µl of 4 M ammonium acetate and 140 µl of 100% ethanol, and the resulting mixture was cooled at -70°C for 15 minutes, then centrifuged (10,000 x g, 4°C, 15 minutes). The pellet was washed with a 75% (v/v) solution of ethanol and then dried under reduced pressure.

The dried precipitate was then dissolved in 13 µl of distilled water, and then 5.6 µl of terminal transferase reaction mixture [140 mM sodium cacodylate, 30 mM tris-hydrochloric acid (pH 6.8), 1 mM cobalt chloride, 0.5 mM DTT, 0.3 µg polyadenylic acid (polyA, Pharmacia), 0.2 mM dCTP] was added and the resulting reaction mixture was incubated at 37°C for 5 minutes. Terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase [21 units, Pharmacia] was then added, in accordance with the supplier's instructions, and the reaction was allowed to proceed for 5 minutes. The reaction mixture was then subjected to phenol-chloroform extraction. Then, 20 µl of 4 M ammonium acetate and 80 µl of 100% ethanol were added to the recovered aqueous layer, and the mixture was cooled at -70°C for 15 minutes, then centrifuged (10,000 x g at 4°C for 15 minutes). The pellet was washed with a 75% (v/v) solution of ethanol and dried under reduced pressure.

The DNA precipitate obtained in this way was dissolved in 30 µl of reaction mixture [10 mM tris-hydrochloric acid (pH 7.5), 60 mM sodium chloride, 7 mM magnesium chloride], and 30 units of restriction enzyme HindIII were added to the resulting solution. In general, where a restriction enzyme is used, but no buffer is specified, then the buffer which is used is the buffer supplied with the enzyme. In the case where DNA is digested with two enzymes, digestion is carried out with the two enzymes sequentially. After the first digestion, the DNA is precipitated, resuspended and then digested with the second enzyme. Precipitation and resuspension techniques are well known in the art [c.f. Sambrook *et al.*, *supra*]. All of the restriction enzymes and buffers used in the present Examples were supplied by Takara Schuzo.

The DNA was allowed to be digested at 37°C overnight in the digestion solution. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was subjected to phenol-chloroform extraction. Then, 35 µl of 4 M ammonium acetate and 140 µl of 100% ethanol were added to the recovered aqueous layer, and the mixture was cooled at -70°C for 15 minutes. The mixture was centrifuged (10,000 x g, 4°C x 15 minutes) to precipitate the DNA, and the resulting pellet was washed with a 75% (v/v) solution of ethanol and dried under reduced pressure. The thus prepared precipitate DNA was used as a cDNA sample in subsequent procedures.

In parallel, plasmid DNA from the vector pcDL-SRα296 [c.f. Takebe, Y *et al.*, (1989), "JIKKEN IGAKU (Experimental Medicine)", 7, pp. 95-99] was digested with the restriction enzyme PstI. The product of the digestion was treated with dGTP and terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase [Pharmacia], in order to add oligo dG to the 3' terminal end, as follows: pcDL-SRα296 DNA (100µg, present in 50µl) was added to 10µl of 10x terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase buffer [1x buffer: 1.4 M sodium cacodylate, 0.3M Tris-HCl, (pH 7.6), 10µl of DTT (1mM), 20µl of 0.1mM ³H-dGTP Dupont) and 10µl of terminal transferase (210 IU, Pharmacia)]. The mixture was incubated for 40 minutes at 37°C, and then mixed with an equal volume of TE buffer-saturated phenol. After standing, the aqueous layer was removed and subjected to a phenol-chloroform extraction. After both of the phenol and phenol-chloroform extractions had been performed, then the DNA was precipitated using 100% ethanol and resuspended in 50µl of TE buffer.

The total precipitated DNA was digested with the restriction enzyme HindIII, and the products of the digestion were separated by gel electrophoresis on a 1.8% (w/v) agarose gel. A band of 800 bp was excised from the gel, and extracted from the gel using a GENECLAN kit [Funakoshi] according to the manufacturer's instructions. The resulting DNA was dissolved in 100 µl of TE buffer, and 100µl of 100% ethanol was added. The final concentration of the DNA was 0.09 µg/µl.

The resulting product yielded a linker-DNA in which oligo (dG) is attached to the SRα promoter (c.f. Figure 1, which is a schematic view of the construction of a cDNA library to enable cloning of DNA encoding the total length of each subunit of CH11. Figure 2 is a diagram showing the process of cloning and amplifying DNA encoding the total length of each subunit of CH11).

The precipitated, dried, cDNA sample, prepared above, was dissolved in 10 µl TE buffer [10 mM tris-hydrochloric acid (pH 7.5), 1 mM EDTA]. A portion of the resulting solution (1 µl) was added to reaction buffer [10 mM tris hydrochloric acid (pH 7.5), 1 mM EDTA, 100 mM sodium chloride] containing 0.08 pmol of the linker-DNA prepared above. The resulting mixture was heated at 65°C for 5 minutes and then incubated at 42°C for 30 minutes. After this time, 10 µl of 10x ligase buffer [10 mM ATP, 660 mM tris-hydrochloric acid (pH 7.5), 66 mM magnesium chloride, 100 mM DTT], 76 µl of distilled water and 1 µl of 10 M β-nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide [NAD, Boehringer Mannheim] were added to the reaction mixture, and the resulting mixture was cooled on ice for 10 minutes. *E. coli* DNA ligase [8.4 µg equivalent, Pharmacia] was then added to the cooled reaction mixture, and the whole was incubated at 12°C, overnight.

After this incubation, 2 µl of nucleotide solution [2 mM dATP, 2 mM dCTP, 2 mM dGTP, 2 mM dTTP], 0.5 µl of 10 mM NAD, 42 µg equivalent of *E. coli* DNA ligase [Pharmacia], 4.1 units of DNA polymerase I [Pharmacia], and 5.5 units of ribonuclease H [Pharmacia] were added to the reaction mixture. The resulting mixture was then incubated at 12°C for one hour and then at 22°C for a further hour. The cDNA library prepared in this way was stored at -20°C until it was needed.

(3-2) Cloning by PCR

a) Preparation of primer

In the case of the H chain, the amino acid sequence of the variable region of the H chain of CH11, as determined in Example 2, was compared with the antibody amino acid sequence database prepared by Kabat *et al.* [Kabat E. A. *et al.*, (1991), in "Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest Vol. II", U.S. Department of Health and Human Services]. It was determined that the H chain (µ chain) of CH11 was sub class 2A. Therefore, an oligonucleotide primer was synthesised such that it would hybridise with a part of the 5'-non-translated region of the DNA coding for mouse H chain, sub class 2a. The oligonucleotide primer which was selected had the sequence: 5'-CTAAGGGAAT TC-CGCCTCTC CTCAGAGACT GAA-3' (H5-1; SEQ ID NO. 17 of the sequence listing).

An oligonucleotide primer was also designed that would hybridise with a part of the 3' non-translated region of the CH11 H-chain. The design of the oligonucleotide was based on the nucleotide sequence of the DNA coding for the mouse immunoglobulin M chain constant region reported by Goldberg, *et al.* [see Goldberg, I.G., *et al.*, (1981), Gene 15, 33-42], and the sequence which was selected was: 5'-TTTACTCTA GAGACCCAAG GCCTGCCTGG TTGA-3' (H3-1; SEQ ID NO. 18 of the sequence listing).

For the L chain, the amino acid sequence of the variable region of the L chain of CH11, as determined in Example 2, was compared with the antibody amino acid sequence database prepared by Kabat and co-workers [*supra*]. It was found that the L chain of CH11 was sub-class κ2. Therefore, an oligonucleotide primer was designed such that it would hybridise with a part of the 5'-terminal, non-translated region of the DNA coding for mouse L chain, sub-class κ2. The oligonucleotide primer which was selected had the sequence 5'-AAATAGCAAT TCCAGTCTCC TCAGGCTGTC TCC-3' (L5-1; SEQ ID NO. 19 of the sequence listing).

An oligonucleotide primer was also designed that would hybridise with a part of the 3' non-translated region. The design of the oligonucleotide was based on the nucleotide sequence of the DNA coding for the mouse immunoglobulin κ chain constant region registered under the registration name MUSIGB1L1 (Accession No. D14630). The sequence used was: 5'-ATGATCTCTA GAGTGGTGGC ATCTCAGGAC CT-3' (L3-1; SEQ ID NO. 20 of the sequence listing).

In the case of the J chain, there is no variable region and both the sequence of the DNA coding for the J chain, and the amino acid sequence of the J chain are known [*c.f.* Cann, G. M., *et al.*, (1982), Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 79, 6656-6660]. Based on this finding, oligonucleotide primers were synthesised that would hybridise with a part of the 5' and 3' non-translated regions of the DNA coding for the J chain. These oligonucleotides had the sequences: 5'-TT-GCGGAATT CCTCACCTGT CCTGGGGTTA TT-3' (J5-1; SEQ ID NO. 21 of the sequence listing) and 5'-ATTGCCTCTA GAGCCTCTAA GGACAACGAC CT-3' (J3-1; SEQ ID NO. 22 of the sequence listing).

These oligonucleotide primers were all synthesised using an automatic DNA synthesiser 380 B [Perkin Elmer, Japan] by the phosphoamidite method [see Mattrucci, M. D. and Caruthers, M. H. (1981), J. Am. Chem. Soc., 103, 3185-3191]. After synthesis was complete, each primer was cleaved from the support and deprotected, and then freeze dried. The resulting product was dissolved in distilled water and stored at -20°C until it was needed.

b) Amplification of target gene by PCR

PCR reaction solution [10 mM tris-hydrochloric acid (pH 8.3), 50 mM potassium chloride, 1.5 mM magnesium chloride, 2.5 mM dATP, 2.5 mM dGTP, 2.5 mM dCTP, 2.5 mM dTTP] was prepared, and 0.1 µl of the cDNA library described in Example 4-1, 1 unit of Taq DNA polymerase [Perkin Elmer, Japan] and 15 pmol of the oligonucleotide primer (prepared in 3-2 a) were added to 100 µl of the PCR reaction solution and heated at 94°C for 2 minutes. The resulting mixture was then subjected to a heat cycle of 94°C for one minute, 55°C for one minute and 72°C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. After the last cycle, the solution was kept at 72°C for a further 10 minutes.

The combinations of the primers that were used in the respective reactions are as follows:

H5-1 and H3-1 (for H chain);
L5-1 and L3-1 (for L chain); and
J5-1 and J3-1 (for J chain).

c) Assay of PCR product

After the PCR reaction in b) had been performed, a portion of the reaction mixture was analysed by gel electrophoresis on a 0.8% (w/v) agarose gel in the case of the H chain. For the L and J chains, a 1.5% (w/v) agarose gel [agarose was obtained from FMC Bioproducts] was used. The product of the PCR reaction was a band of approximately 1900 bp for the H chain, 800 bp for the L chain and 650 bp for the J chain. The band sizes were estimated by comparison with molecular weight markers run on the same gel.

d) Cloning of PCR product

Each of the PCR products obtained in b) was ligated into a plasmid vector, using a eukaryote TA cloning kit [Invitrogen]. More specifically, 60 ng of pCR3 vector (included in the kit) and four units of T4 DNA ligase were added to ligase reaction buffer [6 mM tris-hydrochloric acid (pH 7.5), 6 mM magnesium chloride, 5 mM sodium chloride, 7 mM β -mercaptoethanol, 0.1 mM ATP, 2 mM DTT, 1 mM spermidine, 0.1 mg/ml bovine serum albumin], containing a portion of the PCR reaction mixture. The volume of the PCR reaction mixture was selected such that it contained about 10 ng of the desired PCR product, as estimated by gel electrophoresis. The resulting mixture was incubated at 14°C for 15 hours.

A portion of the ligase reaction mixture (2 μ l) was mixed with 50 μ l of *E. coli* cells, strain TOP10F' (included in the kit), made competent by the addition of 2 μ l of 0.5 M β -mercaptoethanol. The resulting mixture was placed on ice for 30 minutes, warmed at 42°C for 30 seconds, then placed on ice again for 2 minutes. SOC medium (500 μ l, as described above) was then added to this mixture, and the resulting mixture was cultured at 37°C with rotational shaking (110 rpm) for one hour. The culture liquid was then spread onto L-broth agar medium plates containing 100 μ g/ml of ampicillin and cultured at 37°C overnight. Ampicillin-resistant colonies which appeared were then scraped off with a platinum pick and cultured in 5 ml of L-broth medium containing 100 μ g/ml of ampicillin at 37°C overnight. These cultures were centrifuged to precipitate cells which were then used to prepare plasmid DNA by the alkaline lysis method [Sambrook *et al.*, *supra*].

Three of the resulting plasmids were designated pCR3-H123 (the plasmid including H chain-coding cDNA), pCR3-L103 (the plasmid including L chain-coding cDNA) and pCR3-J1123 (the plasmid including J chain-coding cDNA). Competent cells of *E. coli* strain DH5 α [Gibco] were transformed with one of the plasmids pCR3-H123, pCR3-L103 or pCR3-J1123 and the resulting transformants were deposited at the Research Institute of Life Science and Technology of the Agency of Industrial Science and Technology on February 28, 1996 under the deposit Nos. FERM BP-5427, FERM BP-5428 and FERM BP-5429, respectively. DNA encoding the H, L and J chains of CH11 are readily prepared from these strains by well known methods.

REFERENCE EXAMPLE 4

Determination of Total Nucleotide Sequence of the cDNA Coding for CH11 H Chain, L Chain and J chains(4-1) Determination of nucleotide sequence of DNA

The mouse immunoglobulin M chain consists of an N-terminal variable region containing about 110 residues and a constant region containing about 470 residues, adjacent to the variable region. The mouse immunoglobulin κ chain consists of an N-terminal variable region containing about 110 residues and a constant region containing 107 residues adjacent to the variable region. It was predicted that the complete nucleotide sequences of the cDNAs coding for the CH11 H chain and L chain would consist of nucleotide sequences coding for known constant regions and which were ligated to nucleotide sequences coding for the variable regions of the chains, as identified in Example 2 [c.f. Kabat E. A. *et al.*, *supra*].

The nucleotide sequence encoding the J chain of CH11 was presumed to be the same as that of the known J chain sequence.

Based on these presumed nucleotide sequences, oligonucleotide primers of 20 nucleotides in length were synthesised, corresponding to sequences of the H, L and J chains, separated by coding intervals of 60 to 200 bp. These primers were used for sequence analysis.

The sequences of the synthesised oligonucleotide primers were as follows:

For the H chain:

5'-TGGGGCCTCA GTGAAGATAT -3' (SHF-2; SEQ ID NO. 23 of the sequence listing)
5'-CAATGGTGGT ACTGGCTACA -3' (SHF-3; SEQ ID NO. 24 of the sequence listing)
5'-TGACATCTGA GGACTCTGCA -3' (SHF-4; SEQ ID NO. 25 of the sequence listing)
5'-TCCTCAGAGA GTCAGTCCTT -3' (SHF-6; SEQ ID NO. 26 of the sequence listing)
5'-TCCTTCACCT GGAACCTACCA -3' (SHF-7; SEQ ID NO. 27 of the sequence listing)
5'-TCCCAAGAGC ATCCTTGAAG -3' (SHF-8; SEQ ID NO. 28 of the sequence listing)
5'-AGATCTGCAT GTGCCCATTC -3' (SHF-9; SEQ ID NO. 29 of the sequence listing)
5'-TCTAAACTCA TCTGCGAGGC -3' (SHF-10; SEQ ID NO. 30 of the sequence listing)
5'-GGTGACCATC GAGAACAAAG -3' (SHF-11; SEQ ID NO. 31 of the sequence listing)
5'-AGGGGTCTCA CCTTCTTGAA -3' (SHF-12; SEQ ID NO. 32 of the sequence listing)
5'-TCCTTTGCCG ACATCTTCCT -3' (SHF-13; SEQ ID NO. 33 of the sequence listing)
5'-GTGTGTACTG TGA CT CACAG -3' (SHF-15; SEQ ID NO. 34 of the sequence listing)
5'-AACTGAACCT GAGGGAGTCA -3' (SHF-16; SEQ ID NO. 35 of the sequence listing)
5'-AACTCTTGCC CCAAGAGAAG -3' (SHF-17; SEQ ID NO. 36 of the sequence listing)
5'-ATCCTGACTG TGACAGAGGA -3' (SHF-18; SEQ ID NO. 37 of the sequence listing)
5'-ACAAGTCCAC TGGTAAACCC -3' (SHF-19; SEQ ID NO. 38 of the sequence listing)
5'-AGGATATCTT CACTGAGGCC -3' (SHR-1; SEQ ID NO. 39 of the sequence listing)
5'-ATCCACTCAA GGCTCTTTCC -3' (SHR-2; SEQ ID NO. 40 of the sequence listing)

5'-ACTGCAGAGT CCTCAGATGT -3' (SHR-3; SEQ ID NO. 41 of the sequence listing)
 5'-AGACGGTGAC TGAGGTTCTT -3' (SHR-4; SEQ ID NO. 42 of the sequence listing)
 5'-CAGGTGAAGG AAATGGTGCT -3' (SHR-5; SEQ ID NO. 43 of the sequence listing)
 5'-ATGCTCTTGG GAGACAGCAA -3' (SHR-6; SEQ ID NO. 44 of the sequence listing)
 5'-CTCTGTTTTT GCCTCCGTAG -3' (SHR-7; SEQ ID NO. 45 of the sequence listing)
 5'-TGGCCTCGCA GATGAGTTTA -3' (SHR-8; SEQ ID NO. 46 of the sequence listing)
 5'-CCTTTGTTCT CGATGGTCAC -3' (SHR-9; SEQ ID NO. 47 of the sequence listing)
 5'-TGTGGAGGAC ACGTTCTTCA -3' (SHR-10; SEQ ID NO. 48 of the sequence listing)
 5'-ACTTTGAGAA GCCCAGGAGA -3' (SHR-12; SEQ ID NO. 49 of the sequence listing)
 5'-AGATCCCTGT GAGTCACAGT -3' (SHR-13; SEQ ID NO. 50 of the sequence listing)
 5'-AGCAGGTGGA TGTTTGTGCA -3' (SHR-14; SEQ ID NO. 51 of the sequence listing)
 5'-TGAAGCCACT GCACACTGAT -3' (SHR-15; SEQ ID NO. 52 of the sequence listing)
 5'-AGTTCATTCT CTCCTCTGTC -3' (SHR-16; SEQ ID NO. 53 of the sequence listing)
 5'-TGTGTCAGAC ATGATCAGGG -3' (SHR-18; SEQ ID NO. 54 of the sequence listing)

For the L chain:

5'-TGAAGTTGCC TGTTAGGCTG -3' (SLF-1; SEQ ID NO. 55 of the sequence listing)
 5'-CTTGAGATC AAGCCTCCAT -3' (SLF-2; SEQ ID NO. 56 of the sequence listing)
 5'-GCTGAGGATC TGGGAGTTTA -3' (SLF-3; SEQ ID NO. 57 of the sequence listing)
 5'-GATGCTGCAC CAACTGTATC -3' (SLF-4; SEQ ID NO. 58 of the sequence listing)
 5'-CGACAAAATG GCGTCCTGAA -3' (SLF-5; SEQ ID NO. 59 of the sequence listing)
 5'-ACGTTGACCA AGGACGAGTA -3' (SLF-6; SEQ ID NO. 60 of the sequence listing)
 5'-ATCTGCAAGA GATGGAGGCT -3' (SLR-2; SEQ ID NO. 61 of the sequence listing)
 5'-ACCCAGAAA ATCGGTTGGA -3' (SLR-3; SEQ ID NO. 62 of the sequence listing)
 5'-CCGGAGGAAC ATGTGTACTT -3' (SLR-4; SEQ ID NO. 63 of the sequence listing)
 5'-TCGTTCATAC TCGTCCTTGG -3' (SLR-6; SEQ ID NO. 64 of the sequence listing)
 5'-CATCTCAGGA CCTTTGTCTC -3' (SLR-7; SEQ ID NO. 65 of the sequence listing)

For the J chain:

5'-CACCTGTCCT GGGGTTATTT -3' (SJF-1; SEQ ID NO. 66 of the sequence listing)

5'-AGACAAGATG AAGACCCACC -3' (SJF-2; SEQ ID NO. 67 of the sequence listing)

5'-AAGCGACCAT TCTTGCTGAC -3' (SJF-3; SEQ ID NO. 68 of the sequence listing)

5'-ATATCTCTGA TCCCACCTCC -3' (SJF-8; SEQ ID NO. 69 of the sequence listing)

5'-GAAATGCGAT CCTGTGGAAG -3' (SJF-5; SEQ ID NO. 70 of the sequence listing)

5'-CTATACCACT ATGGTCCCAC -3' (SJF-6; SEQ ID NO. 71 of the sequence listing)

5'-AGAAGCAGGT GGGTCTTCAT -3' (SJR-2; SEQ ID NO. 72 of the sequence listing)

5'-TAGAGGTAAC TCGGGTACAC -3' (SJR-3; SEQ ID NO. 73 of the sequence listing)

5'-AAGTTCCTTC TCAGTGGGGA -3' (SJR-8; SEQ ID NO. 74 of the sequence listing)

5'-GGTGGCAGTA ACAACCTGAT -3' (SJR-5; SEQ ID NO. 75 of the sequence listing)

5'-CATGATACCT AAGTGGGACC -3' (SJR-6; SEQ ID NO. 76 of the sequence listing)

Each oligonucleotide primer was synthesised by the phosphoramidite method using an automatic DNA synthesiser [Model 350B; Perkin Elmer, Japan]. Samples for sequence analysis of the H chain were prepared using DNA from plasmid pCR3-H123. Samples for sequence analysis of the L chain were prepared using DNA from plasmid pCR3-L103. Samples for sequence analysis of the J chain were prepared using DNA from pCR3-J1123. The PCR reaction was carried out using a Prism Ready Reaction Terminator Cycle Sequencing Kit [Perkin Elmer, Japan], as follows.

pCR3-H123 (1.5 µg) and 4.8 pmol of primer (SHF-2) were mixed to a final volume of 16 µl in distilled water. A portion of this pCR3-H123/primer mixture (9.5 µl) was mixed with 10.5 µl of a premix containing Taq DNA polymerase. All of this procedure was in accordance with the instructions in the kit. The resulting mixture was placed in an automatic reactor [Catalyst; Perkin Elmer, Japan]. The reaction cycle used was as follows: 95°C for 30 seconds, 50°C for 15 seconds and 60°C for 4 minutes, repeated 25 times.

After completion of the reaction cycles, 80 µl of sterilised water was added to the resulting solution, and the DNA in the resulting mixture was extracted twice by the phenol/chloroform method. The recovered aqueous layer was mixed with 15 µl of 2 M sodium acetate and 300 µl of 100% ethanol, followed by centrifugation to recover the precipitate. The precipitate was washed with a 70% (v/v) solution of ethanol and dried under reduced pressure, then dissolved in 3 µl of sample solution [4 µl 0.25 M EDTA, 100 µl formamide and 15 µl sterilised water].

Sequencing reactions were run and analysed on a DNA sequencer [Model 373A; Perkin Elmer, Japan], for the 32 H chain primers, the 11 L chain primers and the 11 J chain primers.

The sequence data obtained for each primer were combined and integrated in order to determine the complete nucleotide sequence of the H, L and J chains of CH11. The cDNA nucleotide sequences of each plasmid insert are shown by SEQ ID NOs. 7, 9 and 11 of the sequence listing, respectively. The amino acid sequences that correspond to these nucleotide sequences are shown by SEQ ID NOs. 8, 10 and 12 of the sequence listing, respectively.

(4-2) Primary structure of the H chain of CH11

The nucleotide sequence of the H chain variable region, shown as nucleotide Nos. 32 to 379 of SEQ ID NO. 15 of the sequence listing, was found to be identical with that of the nucleotide Nos. 58 to 405 of SEQ ID NO. 7.

The amino acid sequence shown as amino acid Nos. 117 to 571 of SEQ ID NO. 8 was found to be identical with the amino acid sequence in the H chain constant region derived from mouse IgM, when compared with the database of antibody amino acid sequences [Kabat E.A. *et. al., supra*].

The amino acid sequence shown as amino acid Nos. -19 to -1 of SEQ ID NO. 8 was concluded to be a signal sequence of the H chain of CH11.

The nucleotide sequence shown as nucleotide Nos. 406 to 1770 of SEQ ID NO. 7 was found to be identical with

that of the H chain constant region of mouse IgM.

Based on these results, the total nucleotide sequence could be established, together with the total amino acid sequence.

5 (4-3) Primary structure of CH11 L chain

The nucleotide sequence of the L chain variable region, shown as nucleotide Nos. 29 to 364 of SEQ ID NO. 16 in the sequence listing, was found to be identical with that of nucleotide Nos. 58 to 393 of SEQ ID NO. 9.

10 The amino acid sequence shown as amino acid Nos. 113 to 219 of SEQ ID NO. 10 was found to be identical with the amino acid sequence in the mouse κ L chain constant region, when compared with Kabat's database of antibody amino acid sequences.

The amino acid sequence shown as amino acid Nos. -19 to -1 of SEQ ID NO. 10 was concluded to be a signal sequence for the L chain.

15 The nucleotide sequence shown as nucleotide Nos. 394 to 714 of SEQ ID NO. 9 was established to be completely identical with that in the mouse κ L chain constant region.

Based on these results, the total nucleotide sequence could be established, together with the total amino acid sequence.

20 (4-4) Primary structure of J chain of CH11

The amino acid sequence shown as amino acid Nos. 1 to 137 of SEQ ID NO. 12 was compared with the antibody amino acid sequence database, and found to be identical to the known mouse J chain.

The nucleotide sequence shown as nucleotide Nos. 67 to 477 of SEQ ID NO. 11 was found to be identical with that of the known mouse J chain.

25 The amino acid sequence shown as amino acid Nos. -22 to -1 of SEQ ID NO. 12 was concluded to be a signal sequence for the J chain of CH11.

Based on these results, the total nucleotide sequence could be established, together with the total amino acid sequence.

30 (4-5) Determination of Complementarity Determining Regions (CDR)

Both the position and the amino acid sequence of each CDR in the variable regions of the H chain and L chain of CH11, determined as described above, were identified by comparison with Kabat's antibody amino acid sequence database [*supra*]. This database shows that the amino acid chain length of the framework area in the variable region is substantially constant throughout different antibodies, provided that the sub-type is the same, and provided that the amino acid sequences have some common characteristics. However, the CDR's, present between such framework regions, are sequences specific to each antibody.

By comparison of the amino acid sequence of the variable region of CH11 H chain with the sequence of mouse μ 2a sub type, the CDR in the CH11 H chain was shown to be represented by amino acid Nos. 31 to 35 of SEQ ID NO. 8 (CDRH₁, corresponding to SEQ ID NO. 11 of the sequence listing), 50 to 66 of SEQ ID NO. 8 (CDRH₂, corresponding to SEQ ID NO. 2 of the sequence listing) and 99 to 105 of SEQ ID NO. 8 (CDRH₃, corresponding to SEQ ID NO. 3 of the sequence listing).

45 When the amino acid sequence of the variable region of CH11 L chain was compared to the sequence of the mouse κ 2 sub-type, the CDR of the L chain was shown to be represented by the amino acid Nos. 24 to 39 of SEQ ID NO. 10 (CDRL₁, corresponding to SEQ ID NO. 4 of the sequence listing), 55 to 61 of SEQ ID NO. 10 (CDRL₂, corresponding to SEQ ID NO. 5 of the sequence listing) and 94 to 102 of SEQ ID NO. 10 (CDRL₃, corresponding to SEQ ID NO. 6 of the sequence listing).

50 When the amino acid sequence of the variable region of CH11 L chain was compared to the sequence of the mouse κ 2 sub-type, the CDR of the L chain was shown to be represented by the amino acid Nos. 24 to 39 (CDRL₁, corresponding to SEQ ID NO. 4 of the sequence listing), 55 to 61 (CDRL₂, corresponding to SEQ ID NO. 5 of the sequence listing) and 94 to 102 (CDRL₃, corresponding to SEQ ID NO. 6 of the sequence listing) of SEQ ID NO. 10 of the sequence listing.

The present invention is further illustrated by the following Examples, the Examples being illustrative of, but not binding upon, the present invention.

EXAMPLE 1**Molecular modelling of the variable regions of CH11**

5 Molecular modelling of the variable regions of CH11 was carried out by the method of 'homology modelling' [Andrew *et al.*, (1991) *Methods in Enzymology*, 203, p. 121-153].

10 The primary sequences of variable regions of human immunoglobulins for which the X-ray crystal structure has been determined are registered in the Protein Data Bank (hereinafter referred to as "PDB"; Chemistry Department, Building 555, Brookhaven National Laboratory, P. O. Box 5000, Upton, NY 11973-5000, USA). The sequences contained in the Data Bank were compared with the sequence of the framework regions of CH11. Two human immunoglobulins, 1NBV and 1IGI, were identified as having the highest degree of homology with the CH11 L and H chains, respectively.

A model of the three-dimensional structure of the framework regions of CH11 was constructed based upon the known structure of these human FR regions. This model is hereinafter referred to as the "framework model".

15 The CDRs of CH11 were classified using the method of Chothia *et al.* [Chothia *et al.*, *J. Mol. Biol.*, (1987), 196, 901-917]. Using this method, CDRL₁ was classified into the canonical class 4, CDRL₂ into the canonical class 1, CDRL₃ into canonical class 1, and CDRH₁ into canonical class 1. CDRH₂ and CDRH₃ did not correspond to a defined canonical class. The CDR loops of CDRL₁, CDRL₂, CDRL₃ and CDRH₁ were given the conformations inherent to the respective canonical classes, and then integrated into the framework model.

20 The conformations of CDRH₂ and CDRH₃ were determined as follows. First, sequences with high homologies to these CDR's were identified from the PDB. The conformation of CDRH₂ and CDRH₃ were modelled upon the conformations of these known sequences. These conformations were combined with results of energy calculation, and the conformations of the CDR loops with the highest probabilities were constructed and integrated into the framework model. Finally, an energy calculation was carried out to eliminate any energetically unfavourable atomic contacts, in order to obtain a molecular model of CH11. The above procedure was performed using the AbM molecular modelling software [Oxford Molecular Limited, Inc.].

25 The accuracy of the structure of the molecular model obtained was evaluated using the PROCHECK software, [Laskowski, R. A. J., (1993), *Appl. Cryst.* 26, 283-291]. The degree of surface exposure of each residue was calculated using the method of Lee and Richards [Lee, B., and Richards, F. M., *J. Mol. Biol.*, (1971), 55, 379 - 400], allowing the degree of contact between atoms to be determined.

EXAMPLE 2**Selection of the acceptors**

35 The sequence of the H and L chains of CH11 was compared with the consensus sequences of the respective subgroups of human antibodies. The L chain of CH11 was found to have 83 % identity with human subgroup kappa II and the H chain of CH11 was found to have 74 % identity with human subgroup I. The human antibodies RPM16410'CL (subgroup κ II) and 21•28'CL (subgroup I) were selected as the acceptor molecules for the L and H chains, respectively, on the basis of sequence homology.

EXAMPLE 3**Selection of donor residues from CH11 to be grafted onto the acceptors**

45 The amino acid sequence of each of the H and L chains of CH11 was aligned with that of the respective acceptor molecule using 'Cameleon' software [Oxford Molecular Limited, Inc.]. Humanised sequences were designed according to criteria (a) to (d), described above. Four light chain sequences and two heavy chain sequences were designed, with which to form the basis for producing humanised anti-human Fas antibodies. These amino acid sequences and the corresponding nucleotide sequences coding for these proteins are listed below.

L chains (κ chains):

55 polypeptide VL-KY (SEQ ID No. 78) and its encoding DNA sequence (SEQ ID No. 77);

polypeptide VL-KF (SEQ ID No. 80) and its encoding DNA sequence (SEQ ID No. 79);

polypeptide VL-RY (SEQ ID No. 82) and its encoding DNA sequence (SEQ ID No. 81); and

polypeptide VL-RF (SEQ ID No. 84) and its encoding DNA sequence (SEQ ID No. 83).

H chains (μ chains):

polypeptide H μ H chain (SEQ ID No. 86) and its encoding DNA sequence (SEQ ID No. 85); and

polypeptide H μ M chain (SEQ ID No. 88) and its encoding DNA sequence (SEQ ID No. 87).

EXAMPLE 4

Cloning and sequencing of DNA encoding the full-length human H and L chains (having subgroups I and II, respectively, in the variable regions)

1) Preparation of the primers

a) H chain

The amino acid sequence of the variable region of the H chain of the mouse monoclonal antibody CH11 (SEQ ID No. 89) was compared with the database of amino acid sequences of antibodies produced by Kabat *et al.* [Kabat E. A., *et al.*, *supra*], in order to identify any homologous sequences. The amino acid sequence of the framework regions of the variable region of the H chain (μ chain) of CH11 was found to be homologous to the H chain of human antibody subgroup I. Thus, the oligonucleotide primer:

HVH15-1; (SEQ ID No. 90)

was synthesised, that hybridises with a portion of the 5' - untranslated region of DNA coding for the human immunoglobulin H chain subgroup I in the database.

The nucleotide sequence of DNA coding for the constant region of human immunoglobulin H chain has been reported by Dorai and Gillies [(1989), *Nucleic Acids Res.*, 17, 6412]. Based upon this, the oligonucleotide primer HC μ 3-1; (SEQ ID No. 91)

was synthesised, that hybridises with a portion of the nucleotide sequence of the 3' - untranslated region

b) L chain

The amino acid sequence of the variable region of the L chain of the mouse monoclonal antibody CH11 (SEQ ID No. 92) was compared with the database of amino acid sequences of antibodies produced by Kabat *et al.* [*supra*], in order to identify any homologous sequences. It was found that the amino acid sequence of the framework regions of the variable region of the L chain (κ chain) of CH11 was homologous to the L chain of human antibody subgroup II. Thus, the oligonucleotide primer:

HVK 115-4; (SEQ ID No. 93)

was synthesised, that hybridises with a portion of the 5' - untranslated region of DNA coding for the human immunoglobulin L chain subgroup II in the database.

The nucleotide sequence of DNA coding for the constant region of human immunoglobulin L chain has been reported by Hieter *et al.* [Hieter, P. A., *et al.* (1980), *Cell*, 22, 197 *et seq.*]. Based upon this, the oligonucleotide primer: HKCL3-3; (SEQ ID No. 94)

was synthesised, that hybridises with a portion of the 3'-untranslated region of DNA.

The above oligonucleotide primers were all synthesised by the phosphoamidite method [Mattrucci, M. D., and Caruthers, M. H., (1981) *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 103, 3185 *et seq.*] using the automated DNA synthesiser Model 380B [Perkin Elmer, Japan]. After synthesis, each primer was dissociated from the support, deprotected, and then lyophilised. The primers were dissolved in 100 μ l of distilled water and stored at -20 °C until used.

2) Amplification of the target gene by the polymerase chain reaction (PCR).

H chain

The DNA fragment coding for the H chain of human IgM was amplified and isolated using PCR. A human lymphocyte cDNA library was used as the starting source of DNA.

Specifically, the reaction solution defined below was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

Composition of the reaction solution:

human lymphocyte cDNA library [Life Technologies], 25 ng;
 oligonucleotide primer HVH15-1, 50 pmol;
 oligonucleotide primer HCμ3-1, 50 pmol;
 25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 10 μl;
 100 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 8.5), 10 μl;
 1 M potassium chloride [KCl], 5 μl;
 25 mM magnesium chloride [MgCl₂], 10 μl;
 Taq DNA polymerase [Perkin Elmer Japan], 1 unit.

The total volume was adjusted to a final volume of 100 μl by adding redistilled water. The term '25 mM dNTPs cocktail' refers to a cocktail of 'dNTPs' (deoxynucleotide triphosphates) comprising dATP (deoxyadenosine triphosphate), dCTP (deoxycytosine triphosphate), dGTP (deoxyguanosine triphosphate) and dTTP (deoxythymidine triphosphate), each at a concentration of 25mM.

L chain

The DNA fragment coding for L chain of human IgM was amplified and isolated using the polymerase chain reaction. A human lymphocyte cDNA library was used as the starting source of DNA.

Specifically, the reaction solution defined below was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

Composition of the reaction solution:

human lymphocyte cDNA library [Life Technologies], 25 ng;
 oligonucleotide primer HVK115-4, 50 pmol;
 oligonucleotide primer HKCL3-3, 50 pmol;
 25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 10 μl;
 100 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 8.5), 10 μl;
 1 M potassium chloride [KCl], 5 μl;
 25 mM magnesium chloride [MgCl₂], 10 μl;
 Taq DNA polymerase [Perkin Elmer Japan], 1 unit.

The total volume was adjusted to a final volume of 100 μl by adding redistilled water.

3) Assay for PCR products

After PCR amplification, the products of each reaction were analysed by agarose gel electrophoresis. Aliquots of each reaction solution described in section (2), above, corresponding to 200 ng of DNA, were electrophoresed on a 0.8 % (w/v) agarose gel. The size of the PCR product was assessed relative to the mobilities of bands of molecular markers run in parallel with the samples. The human immunoglobulin H chain fragment was found to be approximately 2,000 base pairs (hereinafter abbreviated as "bp") in size, and the human immunoglobulin L chain was found to be approximately 800 bp in size.

4) Cloning of the PCR products

Each of the PCR products obtained in section 3, above, was ligated into a plasmid vector using a eukaryote TA Cloning Kit [Invitrogen].

More specifically, 60 ng of pCR3 vector DNA (included in the kit) and four units of T4 DNA ligase were added to ligase reaction buffer [6 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 6 mM magnesium chloride (MgCl₂), 5 mM sodium chloride (NaCl), 7 mM β-mercaptoethanol, 0.1 mM ATP, 2 mM DTT, 1 mM spermidine, and 0.1 mg/ml bovine serum albumin], containing a proportion of the PCR reaction mixture. The volume of the PCR reaction mixture was selected such that it contained about 10 ng of the desired PCR product. The resulting mixture was incubated at 14 °C for 15 hours.

A portion of the ligase reaction mixture (2 μl) was mixed with 50 μl of *E. coli* cells, strain TOP10F⁺ (included in the kit), made competent by the addition of 2 μl of 0.5 M β-mercaptoethanol. The resulting mixture was kept on ice for 30 minutes. SOC medium, 500 μl (included in the kit) was added, and the resulting mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 1 hour with shaking. The culture liquid was then spread onto L-broth agar medium plates [1 % (w/v) bactotrypton (Difco),

0.5 % (w/v) bacto-yeast extract (Difco), 0.1 % (w/v) glucose, 0.5 % (w/v) NaCl, 1.2 % (w/v) bacto-agar (Difco)] containing 100 µg/ml ampicillin and incubated at 37 °C overnight.

Ampicillin resistant colonies which appeared were then scraped off with a platinum pick, and individually cultured in 5 ml of liquid L-broth medium [1 % (w/v) bactotrypton (Difco), 0.5 % (w/v) bacto-yeast extract (Difco), 0.5 % (w/v) NaCl] containing 100 µg/ml ampicillin at 37 °C overnight with shaking. These cultures were then centrifuged to harvest the cells, from which plasmid DNA was prepared by the alkaline lysis method [Sambrook, J. *et al. supra*].

Plasmid DNA (1 µg) prepared in this way was digested with the restriction enzyme EcoRI, using the buffer supplied with the enzyme. All restriction digests carried out hereinafter were carried out using the buffer supplied with the enzyme [Takara Shuzo]. In the case of a double digest, a restriction buffer was used that was compatible with both enzymes. The digestion products were separated by electrophoresis on a 0.8 % (w/v) agarose gel. Plasmids containing DNA inserts of approximately 2,000 bp and approximately 800 bp, corresponding to the human immunoglobulin H and L chains, respectively, were identified, by comparison with molecular markers run on the same gel. Plasmids containing these fragments were selected.

Specifically, the following two plasmids were selected:

Plasmid pHH1-5, containing a DNA fragment encoding the human immunoglobulin H chain. Specifically, the plasmid contains a cDNA insert encoding the human immunoglobulin H chain having a variable region of subgroup I.

Plasmid pHL15-27, containing a DNA fragment encoding the human immunoglobulin L chain. Specifically, the plasmid contains a cDNA insert encoding the human immunoglobulin L chain having a variable region of subgroup II.

5) Verification of the cloned full-length nucleotide sequences of cDNA coding for human immunoglobulin H and L chains

A human immunoglobulin H chain consists of an N-terminal variable region of about 110 residues and an adjacent constant region of about 510 residues. On the other hand, a human immunoglobulin L chain consists of an N-terminal variable region of about 110 residues and an adjacent constant region of about 107 residues.

Therefore, the nucleotide sequence of the cDNA encoding the H chain of human immunoglobulin, cloned in the section (4) above, was predicted to consist of a variable region and a constant region. The variable region was predicted to be highly homologous to the variable region of a human immunoglobulin H chain sequence of subgroup I [for example, clone 21/28'CL; Kabat E. A., *et al.* (1991), *supra*]. The nucleotide sequence coding for the constant region of human immunoglobulin H chain is known [Kabat E. A., *et al.*, (1991), *supra*].

The nucleotide sequence of the cDNA encoding the L chain of human immunoglobulin, cloned in the section (4) above, was predicted to consist of a variable region and a constant region. The variable region was predicted to be highly homologous to the variable region of a human immunoglobulin L chain of subgroup II (for example, clone RPMI1640'CL; Kabat E. A., *et al.*, *supra*). The nucleotide sequence coding for the constant region of human immunoglobulin L chain is known [Kabat E. A., *et al.*, *supra*].

Oligonucleotide primers of 20 nucleotides in length were synthesised, in order to carry out sequence analysis. The primers were designed based on known well-conserved sequences within the framework regions of the variable regions and known nucleotide sequences within the constant regions. The primers were designed to correspond to sequences separated by 100 to 200 bp intervals, and were used in conjunction with the primers HVH15-1, HCµ3-1, HVK15-4 and HKCL3-1, already used in the PCR (section 2, above).

The sequences of the oligonucleotide primers synthesised for sequence analysis of the H chain are as follows:

SHHF-1; (SEQ ID No. 95);
SHHF-2; (SEQ ID No. 96);
SHHF-3; (SEQ ID No. 97);
SHHF-4; (SEQ ID No. 98);
SHHF-5; (SEQ ID No. 99);
SHHF-6; (SEQ ID No. 100);
SHHF-7; (SEQ ID No. 101);
SHHF-8; (SEQ ID No. 102);
SHHF-9; (SEQ ID No. 103);
SHHF-10; (SEQ ID No. 104);
SHHF-11; (SEQ ID No. 105);
SHHF-13; (SEQ ID No. 106);
SHHF-14; (SEQ ID No. 107);
SHHF-15; (SEQ ID No. 108);
SHHR-1; (SEQ ID No. 109);
SHHR-2; (SEQ ID No. 110);

SHHR-3; (SEQ ID No. 111);
 SHHR-4; (SEQ ID No. 112);
 SHHR-5; (SEQ ID No. 113);
 SHHR-6; (SEQ ID No. 114);
 5 SHHR-7; (SEQ ID No. 115);
 SHHR-8; (SEQ ID No. 116);
 SHHR-9; (SEQ ID No. 117);
 SHHR-10; (SEQ ID No. 118);
 SHHR-11; (SEQ ID No. 119);
 10 SHHR-12; (SEQ ID No. 120);
 SHHR-13; (SEQ ID No. 121);
 SHHR-14; (SEQ ID No. 122); and
 SHHR-15; (SEQ ID No. 123).

15 Figure 3 indicates the positions to which the respective primers bind.
 The sequences of the oligonucleotide primers synthesised for sequence analysis of the L chain are as follows:

SHKF-1; (SEQ ID No. 124);
 SHKF-2; (SEQ ID No. 125);
 20 SHKF-4; (SEQ ID No. 126);
 SHKF-5; (SEQ ID No. 127);
 SHKF-6; (SEQ ID No. 128);
 SHKF-11; (SEQ ID No. 129);
 SHKF-12; (SEQ ID No. 130);
 25 SHKR-1; (SEQ ID No. 131);
 SHKR-2; (SEQ ID No. 132);
 SHKR-3; (SEQ ID No. 133);
 SHKR-4; (SEQ ID No. 134);
 SHKR-6; (SEQ ID No. 135); and
 30 SHKR-13; (SEQ ID No. 136).

Figure 4 indicates the positions to which the respective primers bind.

Samples for sequence analyses were prepared using the above primers and the Prism Ready Reaction Terminator Cycle Sequencing kit [Perkin Elmer, Japan]. Plasmid DNA from plasmids pHH1-5 DNA or plasmid pHL 15-27 DNA, as described in the section 4, above, was used as a template.

35 Specifically, purified plasmid DNA (1.5 µg) was mixed with 4.8 pmol of an appropriate primer, made up to a final volume of 16 µl with distilled water (this solution is hereinafter referred to as the "plasmid DNA/primer mixture"). A portion of this plasmid DNA/primer mixture (9.5 µl), corresponding to each primer, was added to 10.5 µl of the premix solution provided in the kit, containing Taq DNA polymerase. The reaction solution was placed in an automated reactor [Catalyst; Perkin Elmer Japan]. The reaction cycle used was as follows: a thermal cycle of 95 °C for 30 seconds, 50 °C for 15 seconds, and 60 °C for 4 minutes, repeated 25 times.

40 After completion of the reaction cycles, 80 µl of distilled water was added to the resulting solutions and the DNA in the resulting mixture was extracted twice by the phenol-chloroform method [Sambrook *et al.*, *supra*]. The recovered aqueous layer was mixed with 15 µl of 2 M sodium acetate and 300 µl of 100% ethanol, followed by centrifugation to recover the DNA precipitate. The precipitate was washed with 70 % (v/v) ethanol and dried under reduced pressure, then dissolved in 3 µl of the sample solution [4 µl of 0.25 M EDTA, 100 µl of formamide and 16 µl of distilled water].

45 The sequencing reactions were run and analysed on a DNA sequencer [Model 373A; Perkin Elmer Japan]. Analysis was carried out on 30 samples for the human immunoglobulin H chain and 17 samples for the human immunoglobulin L chain.

50 Analysis of the data verified that plasmid pHH1-5 contained a DNA insert encoding a human immunoglobulin H chain with a variable region of subgroup I. On the other hand, plasmid pHL15-27 was shown to contain a DNA insert encoding a human immunoglobulin L chain with a variable region of subgroup II.

The nucleotide sequences of the DNA inserts carried by plasmid pHH1-5 and plasmid PHL 15-27 are shown as SEQ ID Nos. 137 and 138, respectively.

EXAMPLE 5

Construction of expression vectors for humanised versions of CH11 L chain

1) Preparation of the primers

The following DNA fragments were synthesised using PCR:

DNA (SEQ ID No. 77) coding for the polypeptide chain of VL-KY chain (SEQ ID No. 78),

DNA (SEQ ID No. 79) coding for the polypeptide chain of VL-KF chain (SEQ ID No. 80),

DNA (SEQ ID No. 81) coding for the polypeptide chain of VL-RY chain (SEQ ID No. 82),

DNA (SEQ ID No. 83) coding for the polypeptide chain of VL-RF chain (SEQ ID No. 84).

The following 14 primers were synthesised for use in the PCR process:

VL1P; (SEQ ID No. 139);

VL1N; (SEQ ID No. 140);

VL2P; (SEQ ID No. 141);

VL2N; (SEQ ID No. 142);

VL3TYRP; (SEQ ID No. 143);

VL3TYRN; (SEQ ID No. 144);

VL3PHEP; (SEQ ID No. 145);

VL3PHEN; (SEQ ID No. 146);

VL4P; (SEQ ID No. 147);

VL4N; (SEQ ID No. 148);

VL5P; (SEQ ID No. 149);

VL50RP; (SEQ ID No. 150);

VL50RN; (SEQ ID No. 151); or

VLTERM; (SEQ ID No. 152).

2) Construction of plasmid pHκY2-58 and plasmid pHκKF2-19

a) First PCR step

The outline of the first PCR step is shown in Figure 5.

VL1

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding a secretion signal sequence, the FRL₁ region and the amino-terminal portion (hereinafter referred to as the "N-terminus") of the CDRL₁ region. This fragment is herein referred to as the "VL1 DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:

Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pHL 15-27 DNA, 1 µg;

oligonucleotide primer VL5P, 80 pmol;

oligonucleotide primer VL1N, 80 pmol;

25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;

10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;

Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Redistilled water was added to a final volume of 200 µl. The 10x Pfu buffer was provided with the Pfu polymerase. Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

VL2

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding the carboxyl-terminal portion (hereinafter referred to as the "C-terminus") of the FRL₁ region, the CDRL₁ region and the N-terminus of the FRL₂ region. This fragment is herein referred to as the "VL2 DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:

Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pCR3-L103 DNA, 1 µg;
oligonucleotide primer VL1P, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VL2N, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

VL3Y

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding the CDRL₂ region, the FRL₃ region (in which the amino acid residue at position 87 had been altered to a tyrosine residue) and the CDRL₃ region. In this and all other examples, the amino acid numbering follows that given in Kabat [Kabat *et al.*, *supra*]. This fragment is herein referred to as the "VL3Y DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:

Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pHL 15-27 DNA, 1 µg;
oligonucleotide primer VL2P, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VL3TYRN, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

VL3F

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding the CDRL₂ region, FRL₃ region (in which the amino acid residue at position 87 had been altered to a phenylalanine residue) and the CDRL₃ region. This fragment is herein referred to as the "VL3F DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:

Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pHL 15-27 DNA, 1 µg;
oligonucleotide primer VL2P, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VL3PHEN, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

VL4

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding the CDRL₃ region, the FRL₄ region, and Ck region (a portion of a constant

region). This fragment is herein referred to as the "VL4 DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:
Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pHL 15-27 DNA, 1 µg;
oligonucleotide primer VL4P, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VLTERM, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

The VL1, VL2, VL3Y, VL3F and VL4 DNA fragments amplified by PCR in this way were extracted with phenol. The DNA was then precipitated using 100% ethanol. The DNA (approximately 20-30 µg) was electrophoresed on a 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. The gel was stained with 1 µg/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragments detected in this way were excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centruter [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon]. The eluted DNA was concentrated by a centrifugation step at 7,500 x g for approximately 1 hour, followed by ethanol precipitation. The final DNA product in each case was dissolved in 50 µl of distilled water.

b) Second step PCR

The outline of the second step PCR is shown in Figure 6.

VL1-2

A fusion of the VL1 DNA fragment and VL2 DNA fragment, described above, was prepared using PCR. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as "VL1-2 DNA fragment". The following PCR reaction conditions were used:

Composition of the reaction solution:

VL1 DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 µl;
VL2 DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 µl;
oligonucleotide primer VL5P, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VL2N, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10 x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

VL3Y-4

A fusion of the VL3Y DNA fragment and VL4 DNA fragment, described above, was prepared using PCR. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "VL3Y-4 DNA fragment". The following PCR reaction conditions were used:

Composition of the reaction solution:

VL3Y DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 µl;
VL4 DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 µl;
oligonucleotide primer VL2P, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VLTERM, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10 x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using

the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

VL3F-4

A fusion of the VL3F DNA fragment and VL4 DNA fragment, described above, was prepared using PCR. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as "VL3F-4 DNA fragment". The following PCR reaction conditions were used:
Composition of the reaction solution:

VL3F DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 µl;
VL4 DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 µl;
oligonucleotide primer VL2P, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VLTERM, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10 x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

The VL1-2, VL3Y-4 and VL3F-4 DNA fragments amplified by PCR in this way were extracted with phenol. The DNA was then precipitated using 100% ethanol. The DNA (approximately 20-30 µg) was electrophoresed on a 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. The gel was stained with 1 µg/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragments detected in this way were excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centriscruter [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon]. The eluted DNA was concentrated by a centrifugation step at 7,500 x g for approximately 1 hour, followed by ethanol precipitation. The final DNA product in each case was dissolved in 50 µl of distilled water.

c) Third step PCR

The outline of the third step PCR is shown in Figure 7.

VL-KY

A fusion of the VL1-2 DNA fragment and VL3Y-4 DNA fragment, described above, was prepared using PCR. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as "VL-KY DNA fragment". The following PCR reaction conditions were used:
Composition of the reaction solution:

VL1-2 DNA solution prepared in the second step PCR, 10 µl;
VL3Y-4 DNA solution prepared in the second step PCR, 10 µl;
oligonucleotide primer VL5P, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VLTERM, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10 x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

VL-KF

A fusion of the VL1-2 DNA fragment and VL3F-4 DNA fragment described above was prepared using PCR. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as "VL-KF DNA fragment". The following PCR reaction conditions were used:
Composition of the reaction solution:

VL1-2 DNA solution prepared in the second step PCR, 10 µl;
VL3F-4 DNA solution prepared in the second step PCR, 10 µl;

oligonucleotide primer VL5P, 80 pmol;
 oligonucleotide primer VLTERM, 80 pmol;
 25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
 10 x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
 Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

The amplified VL-KY and VL-KF DNA fragments amplified by PCR in this way were extracted with phenol. The DNA was then precipitated using 100% ethanol. The DNA - (approximately 20-30 µg) was electrophoresed on a 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. The gel was stained with 1 µg/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragments detected in this way were excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centruter [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon].

The construction of a plasmid carrying VL-KY or VL-KF DNA fragment is outlined in Figure 8.

The VL-KY and VL-KF DNA obtained in this way was further purified by phenol extraction, followed by ethanol precipitation. A portion of the DNA (approximately 1 µg) was then digested with the 10 units of restriction enzymes Xho1 and Xba1, at 37°C, using a compatible restriction buffer supplied with the enzymes.

A portion (1 µg) of plasmid pME18S DNA [Hara, T. and Miyajima, A., (1992), EMBO J., 11, 1875] was also digested with the restriction enzymes Xho1 and Xba1. The resulting DNA was treated with calf intestine alkaline phosphatase (hereinafter abbreviated as "CIP"; Takara Shuzo) in order to remove any 5' phosphate groups. A portion (100 ng) of the dephosphorylated pME18S plasmid DNA was ligated to 0.5 µg of each of the Xba-1, Xho1 digested VL-KY and VL-KF DNA fragments. Ligation was carried out using a ligation kit [Takara Shuzo], and the ligation product was transformed into *E. coli* strain DH5α [Gibco-BRL] by electroporation.

Specifically, 50 µl of competent cells were thawed and mixed with 5 µl of the ligation mix. The mixture was transferred into an electroporation cuvette [BioRad]. One pulse of 25µF, 1.8kV and 200 Ω was applied. After the pulse, the cells were resuspended in 1 ml of SOC medium. The cell suspensions were transferred into a sterile tube and incubated at 37°C for 1 hour. The resulting cells were plated onto LB plates containing 50 µg of ampicillin.

Restriction analysis of plasmid DNA contained in transformant colonies was carried out, to identify plasmids containing the DNA insert of interest. Specifically, plasmid DNA was prepared from an overnight culture of transformant cells by the method given in Working Example 4, section 4. Plasmid DNA was digested with the original restriction enzymes, (Xho1 and Xba1 in the present Example) in order to confirm that a fragment of the correct size had been cloned.

All ligation reactions, transformation and analysis of transformants, detailed hereinafter, were carried out using the methodology outlined above, except where specifically indicated.

Plasmid pHxKY2-58 was identified containing the VL-KY DNA fragment and plasmid pHxKF2-19 was identified containing the VL-KF DNA fragment. The fragments in both cases were inserted downstream of the SRα promoter in pME18S, in the correct orientation for expression of the immunoglobulin protein product.

3) Construction of plasmid pHxRY2-10 and plasmid pHxRF2-52

Using DNA from the plasmids pHxKY2-58 DNA and pHxKF2-19 DNA as a template, two further expression vectors were constructed.

a) First step PCR

The outline of the first step PCR is shown in Figure 9.

VLR5'

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding a secretion signal sequence, the FRL₁ region, the CDRL₁ region and FRL₂ region (in which the lysine residue at position 45 was substituted for an arginine residue). This fragment is herein referred to as the "VLR5' DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:
 Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pHxKY2-58 DNA, 1 µg;
 oligonucleotide primer VL5P, 80 pmol;
 oligonucleotide primer VLRN, 80 pmol;

25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
 10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
 Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

VLR3'Y

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding the FRL₂ region (in which the lysine residue at position 45 was substituted for an arginine residue), the CDRL₂ region, the FRL₃ region (in which position 87 was a tyrosine residue), the FRL₄ region and a Ck region. This fragment is herein referred to as the "VLR3'Y DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:

Composition of the reaction solution

plasmid pHcKY2-58 DNA, 1 µg;
 oligonucleotide primer VLRP, 80 pmol;
 oligonucleotide primer VLTERM, 80 pmol;
 25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
 10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
 Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

VLR3'F

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding the FRL₂ region (wherein the lysine residue of position 45 was substituted for an arginine residue), the CDRL₂ region, the FRL₃ region (wherein position 87 was a phenylalanine residue), CDRL₃ region, FRL₄ region and the Ck region. This fragment is herein referred to as the "VLR3'F DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:
 Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pHcKF2-19 DNA, 1 µg;
 oligonucleotide primer VLRP, 80 pmol;
 oligonucleotide primer VLTERM, 80 pmol;
 25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
 10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
 Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

The VLR5', VLR3'Y and VLR3'F DNA fragments amplified by PCR in this way were extracted with phenol. The DNA was then precipitated using 100% ethanol. The DNA (20-30 µg) was electrophoresed on a 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. The gel was stained with 1 µg/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragments detected in this way were excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centriruter [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon]. The eluted DNA was concentrated by a centrifugation step at 7,500 x g for approximately 1 hour, followed by ethanol precipitation. The final DNA product in each case was dissolved in 50 µl of distilled water.

b) Second step PCR

The outline of the second step PCR is shown in Figure 10.

VL-RY

A fusion of the VLR5' DNA fragment and VLR3'Y DNA fragment described above (hereinafter referred to as "VL-RY DNA fragment") was prepared using PCR under the following conditions.

Composition of the reaction solution:

VLR5' DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 μ l;
 VLR3'Y DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 μ l;
 oligonucleotide primer VL5P, 80 pmol;
 oligonucleotide primer VLTERM, 80 pmol;
 25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 μ l;
 10 x Pfu buffer, 20 μ l;
 Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

VL-RF

A fusion of the VLR5' DNA fragment and VLR3'F DNA fragment described above (hereinafter referred to as "VL-RF DNA fragment") was prepared using PCR under the following conditions:

Composition of the reaction solution:

VLR5' DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 μ l;
 VLR3'F DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 μ l;
 oligonucleotide primer VL5P, 80 pmol;
 oligonucleotide primer VLTERM, 80 pmol;
 25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 μ l;
 10x Pfu buffer, 20 μ l;
 Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

The VL-RY and VL-RF DNA fragments amplified by PCR in this way were extracted with phenol. The DNA was then precipitated using 100% ethanol. The DNA (20-30 μ g) was electrophoresed on a 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. The gel was stained with 1 μ g/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragments detected in this way were excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centrigruter [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon]. The eluted DNA was concentrated by a centrifugation step at 7,500 x g for approximately 1 hour, followed by ethanol precipitation. The final DNA product in each case was dissolved in 50 μ l of distilled water.

The construction of a plasmid carrying VL-RY or VL-RF DNA fragment is outlined in Figure 11.

The VL-RY and VL-RF DNA obtained in this way was further purified by phenol extraction followed by ethanol precipitation. The DNA (1 μ g) was then digested with the restriction enzymes Xho1 and Xba1.

A portion (1 μ g) of plasmid pME18S DNA [Hara, T. and Miyajima, A. *supra*] was also digested with the restriction enzymes Xho1 and Xba1. The resulting DNA was treated with CIP. A portion (200 ng) of the dephosphorylated pME18S plasmid DNA was ligated to 0.5 μ g of each of the Xba-1, Xho1 digested VL-RY and VL-RF DNA fragments. Ligation was carried out using a ligation kit [Takara Shuzo], and the ligation product was transformed into *E. coli* strain DH5 α .

Restriction analysis of plasmid DNA contained in transformant colonies was carried out, as described above, to identify plasmids containing the DNA insert of interest. Plasmid pHcRY2-10 was identified containing the VL-RY DNA fragment and plasmid pHcRF2-52 was identified containing the VL-RF DNA fragment. The fragments in both cases were inserted downstream of the SR α promoter in pME18S, in the correct orientation for expression of the immunoglobulin protein product.

4) Verification of the nucleotide sequences

The DNA inserts of the plasmids pHcKY2-58, pHcKF2-19, pHcRY2-10 and pHcRF2-52 were sequenced. The

primers used in the sequencing process were SHKF-4, SHKF-5, SHKF-6, SHKF-12, SHKR-13, SHKF-11, SHKF-2 and SHKR-3, described above. In addition, three new primers were synthesised;

PMEF2; (SEQ ID No. 153);
SHKF-14; (SEQ ID No. 154); and
PMER2; (SEQ ID No. 155).

DNA sequencing was performed using the dideoxynucleotide chain termination method [Sanger, F. S. *et al.* (1977) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 74:5463]. Prior to sequencing, the plasmid DNA template was isolated from the host cells by alkaline-SDS lysis [Sambrook, J. *et al., supra*] and the DNA purified using caesium chloride centrifugation [Sambrook, J. *et al., ibid.*].

Specifically, a portion of purified plasmid DNA (1 µg) was dissolved in 16 µl of redistilled water. The solution was mixed with 2 µl of mM EDTA and 2 µl of 2 N sodium hydroxide (NaOH), then incubated at room temperature for 5 minutes. A portion (4 µl) of 10 M ammonium acetate solution and 100 µl of 100% ethanol were then added and mixed, and the mixture was placed on dry ice for 10 minutes. The DNA in the solution was then recovered by centrifugation at 15,000 rpm for 5 minutes. The pellet obtained was washed with 80 % (v/v) ethanol and dried under reduced pressure. The dried DNA was dissolved in 7 µl of redistilled water and used for as a template for sequencing.

The nucleotide sequencing reaction was performed using the 7-Deaza-Sequenase kit, Version 2.0, Kit for dCTP [Amersham]. The whole of the plasmid solution (7 µl) was added to 1 pmol of a primer and 1 µl of reaction buffer (provided in the kit). The mixture was incubated at 65 °C for 2 minutes. The plasmid DNA was allowed to anneal with the primer by gradually cooling the mixture to room temperature. The DNA labelling reaction was carried out using [α^{32} P]dCTP [Amersham], following the protocol provided with the kit. The reaction product was analysed by gel electrophoresis on a 5 % (w/v) polyacrylamide gel containing 8 M urea in TBE buffer [100 mM Tris, 100 mM boric acid, 1mM EDTA, pH8.3]. The gel was dried, and the DNA sequence was identified by autoradiography.

The sequence of the DNA insert of plasmid pHkKY2-58 is shown in SEQ ID No. 77. This nucleotide sequence contains an open reading frame, which encodes a polypeptide chain having the sequence defined in SEQ ID No. 78.

The sequence of the DNA insert of plasmid pHkKF2-19 is shown in SEQ ID No. 79. This nucleotide sequence contains an open reading frame, which encodes a polypeptide chain having the sequence defined in SEQ ID No. 80.

The sequence of the DNA insert of plasmid pHkRY2-10 is shown in SEQ ID No. 81. This nucleotide sequence contains an open reading frame, which encodes a polypeptide chain having the sequence defined in SEQ ID No. 82.

The sequence of the DNA insert of plasmid pHkRF2-52 is shown in SEQ ID No. 83. This nucleotide sequence contains an open reading frame, which encodes a polypeptide chain having the sequence defined in SEQ ID No.84.

EXAMPLE 6

Construction of expression vectors for humanised versions of CH11 H chain

1) Preparation of the primers

The following DNA fragments were synthesised using PCR:

DNA (SEQ ID No. 85) coding for the polypeptide chain (SEQ ID No. 86) of H μ H chain, an H chain of the humanised anti-human Fas antibody CH11; and

DNA (SEQ ID No. 87) coding for the polypeptide chain (SEQ ID No. 88) of H μ M chain, an H chain of the humanised anti-human Fas antibody CH11.

Twenty-two primers were synthesised for the PCR, as follows:

(VH1P; (SEQ ID No. 156);
(VHSP; (SEQ ID No. 157);
VHSN; (SEQ ID No. 158);
VH2P; (SEQ ID No. 159);
VH2N; (SEQ ID No. 160);
VH3P; (SEQ ID No. 161);
VH3N; (SEQ ID No. 162);
VH4P; (SEQ ID No. 163);
VH4N; (SEQ ID No. 164);

VHAPAPX; (SEQ ID No. 165);
 VHAPAN; (SEQ ID No. 166);
 VHTERM; (SEQ ID No. 167);
 HUMFR2P; (SEQ ID No. 168);
 HUMFR2N; (SEQ ID No. 169);
 MOUFR2P; (SEQ ID No. 170);
 MOUFR2; (SEQ ID No. 171);
 GTOSP; (SEQ ID No. 172);
 GTOSN; (SEQ ID No. 173);
 TCVVAP; (SEQ ID No. 174);
 TCVVN1; (SEQ ID No. 175);
 ME18P; (SEQ ID No. 176); and
 VH06; (SEQ ID No. 178).

2) Construction of plasmid pMEC22

An expression vector was constructed for a humanised CH11 chain, in a multi stage process. Initially, a vector containing the carboxyl terminus (hereinafter referred to as the "C-terminus") of the constant region of the H chain of human IgM was constructed

MEC

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding the C-terminal amino acid sequence of the H chain of human IgM. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as "MEC DNA fragment". The construction is outlined in Figure 12. The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:
 Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pHH1-5 DNA, 1 µg;
 oligonucleotide primer VHAPAPX, 80 pmol;
 oligonucleotide primer VHTERM, 80 pmol;
 dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
 10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
 Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

The MEC DNA fragment amplified by PCR in this way was extracted with phenol. The DNA was then precipitated using 100% ethanol. The DNA (20 - 30 µg) was electrophoresed on a 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. The gel was stained with 1 µg/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragment detected in this way was excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centrifer [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon]. The eluted DNA was concentrated by a centrifugation step at 7,500 x g for approximately 1 hour, followed by ethanol precipitation. The final DNA product was dissolved in 50 µl of distilled water.

The construction of a plasmid carrying MEC DNA fragment is outlined in Figure 13.

The MEC DNA was further purified by phenol extraction followed by ethanol precipitation. The DNA (1 µg) was then digested with the restriction enzymes Xho1 and Xba1.

A portion (1 µg) of plasmid pME18S DNA [Hara, T. and Miyajima, A., *supra*] was also digested with the restriction enzymes Xho1 and Xba1. The resulting DNA was treated with CIP. A portion (100 ng) of the dephosphorylated pME18S plasmid DNA was ligated to 0.5 µg of the Xba-1, Xho1 digested MEC fragment. Ligation was carried out using a ligation kit [Takara Shuzo], and the ligation product was transformed into *E. coli* strain JM109 [Takara Shuzo].

Restriction analysis of plasmid DNA contained in transformant colonies was carried out, to identify a plasmid containing the DNA insert of interest. Plasmid pMEC22 was obtained, in which MEC DNA was inserted downstream of SRα promoter in pME18S in the correct orientation for expression of the immunoglobulin protein product.

3) Construction of plasmid pMEHC20**a) First step PCR**

The outline of the first step PCR is shown in Figure 14.

HSEC

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding a secretion signal sequence and the N-terminus of the FRH₁ region. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "HSEC DNA fragment". The following PCR reaction conditions were used:
Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pCR3-H123 DNA, 1 µg;
oligonucleotide primer VHSN, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VH1P, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

VH1

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding the FRH₁ region and the N-terminus of the CDRH₁ region. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as "VH1 DNA fragment". The following PCR reaction conditions were used:
Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pHH1-5 DNA, 1 µg;
oligonucleotide primer VHSP, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VH2N, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

VH2

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding the CDRH₁ region, the C-terminus of the FRH₂ region and the N-terminus of the CDRH₂ region. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as "VH2 DNA fragment". The following PCR reaction conditions were used:
Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pCR3-H123 DNA, 1 µg;
oligonucleotide primer VH2P, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VH3N, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

VH3

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding the N-terminus of the CDRH₂ region, the FRH₃ region and the CDRH₃ region. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "VH3 DNA fragment". The following PCR reaction conditions were used:

Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pHH1-5 DNA, 1 µg;
oligonucleotide primer VH3P, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VH4N, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

VH4

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding the CDR-3 region, the FR-4 region and the N-terminus of the constant region of the H chain. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "VH4 DNA fragment". The following PCR reaction conditions were used:

Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pHH1-5 DNA, 1 µg;
oligonucleotide primer VH4P, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VHAPAN, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

The HSEC, VH1, VH2, VH3 and VH4 DNA fragments amplified by PCR in this way were extracted with phenol. The DNA was then precipitated using 100% ethanol. The DNA (20-30 µg) was electrophoresed on a 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. The gel was stained with 1 µg/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragments detected in this way were excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centriruter [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon]. The eluted DNA was concentrated by a centrifugation step at 7,500 x g for approximately 1 hour, followed by ethanol precipitation. The final DNA product in each case was dissolved in 50 µl of distilled water.

b) Second step PCR

The second step PCR is outlined in Figure 15.

VHS12

A fusion of the HSEC, VH1 and VH2 DNA fragments, described above, was prepared using PCR. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as "VHS12 DNA fragment". The following PCR reaction conditions were used:

Composition of the reaction solution:

HSEC DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 µl;
VH1 DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 µl;
VH2 DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 µl;
oligonucleotide primer VH1P, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VH3N, 80 pmol;

25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

VH34

A fusion of the VH3 DNA fragment and the VH4 DNA fragment, described above, was prepared using PCR. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "VH34 DNA fragment". The following PCR reaction conditions were used:
Composition of the reaction solution:

VH3 DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 µl;
VH4 DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 µl;
oligonucleotide primer VH3P, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VHAPAN, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

The resulting VHS 12 and VH34 DNA fragments were extracted with phenol. The DNA was then precipitated using 100% ethanol. The DNA (20-30 µg) was electrophoresed on a 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. The gel was stained with 1 µg/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragments detected in this way were excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centriruter [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon]. The eluted DNA was concentrated by a centrifugation step at 7,500 x g for approximately 1 hour, followed by ethanol precipitation. The final DNA product in each case was dissolved in 50 µl of distilled water.

c) Third step PCR

The third step PCR is outlined in Figure 16.

VHS1234

A fusion of the VHS12 DNA fragment and the VH34 DNA fragment, described above, was prepared using PCR. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "VHS1234 DNA fragment". The following PCR reaction conditions were used:

Composition of the reaction solution:

VHS12 DNA solution prepared in the second step PCR, 10 µl;
VH34 DNA solution prepared in the second step PCR, 10 µl;
oligonucleotide primer VH1P, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VHAPAN, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

The resulting VHS1234 DNA fragment was extracted with phenol. The DNA was then precipitated using ethanol. The DNA (20 -30 µg) was electrophoresed on a 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. The gel was stained with 1 µg/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragment detected

in this way was excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centrinerter [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon]. The eluted DNA was concentrated by a centrifugation step at 7,500 x g for approximately 1 hour, followed by ethanol precipitation. The final DNA product was dissolved in 50 µl of distilled water.

5 The construction of a plasmid carrying VHS1234 DNA is outlined in Figure 17.

The VHS1234 DNA obtained in this way was further purified by phenol extraction followed by ethanol precipitation. The DNA was then digested with the restriction enzymes Xho1 and Apa1.

10 A portion (1 µg) of plasmid pMEC22 DNA was also digested with the restriction enzymes Xho1 and Apa1, and then dephosphorylated with CIP. A portion of the dephosphorylated pMEC22 plasmid DNA (100 ng) was ligated to 0.5 µg of the Xho1-Apa1 digested VHS1234 DNA fragment. Ligation was carried out using a ligation kit [Takara Shuzo] and the product of the ligation transformed into *E. coli* strain JM109 [Takara Shuzo].

15 Restriction analysis of plasmid DNA contained in transformant colonies was carried out, to identify plasmids containing the DNA insert of interest. Plasmid pMEHC20 was obtained, containing the VHS1234 DNA fragment. This fragment was inserted downstream of the SRα promoter in pMHC22, in the correct orientation for expression of the immunoglobulin protein product.

4) Construction of plasmid pHFR3 and plasmid pHFR4

a) First step PCR

20 The outline of the first step PCR is shown in Figure 18.

HUMFR5'

25 A DNA fragment was prepared encoding a secretion signal sequence, the FRH₁ region, the CDRH₁ region, and the FRH₂ region (in which the amino acid residues of positions 38 to 44 had been replaced by arginine, glutamine, alanine, proline, glycine, glutamine and glycine residues). The fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "the HUMFR5' DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:

Composition of the reaction solution:

30 plasmid pMEHC20 DNA, 1 µg;
oligonucleotide primer VH16, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer HUMFR2N, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
35 10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 40 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

HUMFR3'

45 A DNA fragment was prepared encoding the FRH₂ region (in which the amino acid residues of positions 38 to 44 had been replaced by arginine, glutamine, alanine, proline, glycine, glutamine and glycine residues), the CDRH₂ region, the FRH₃ region, the CDRH₃ region, the FRH₄ region and the N-terminus of the constant region of the H chain. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "HUMFR3' DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:

Composition of the reaction solution:

50 plasmid pMEHC20 DNA, 1 µg;
oligonucleotide primer VH06, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer HUMFR2P, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
55 10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated

30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

MOUFR5'

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding a secretion signal sequence, the FRH₁ region, the CDRH₁ region, and the FRH₂ region (in which the amino acid residues of positions 38 to 44 had been replaced by lysine, glutamine, alanine, histidine, glycine, lysine and serine residues). This fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "MOUFR5' DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:

Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pMEHC20 DNA, 1 µg;
oligonucleotide primer VH1P, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer MOUFR2N, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

MOUFR3'

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding the FRH₂ region (in which the amino acid residues of positions 38 to 44 had been replaced by lysine, glutamine, alanine, histidine, glycine, lysine and serine residues), the CDRH₂ region, the FRH₃ region, the CDRH₃ region, the FRH₄ region, and the N-terminus of the constant region of the H chain. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "MOUFR3' DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:

Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pMEHC20 DNA, 1 µg;
oligonucleotide primer VH06, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer MOUFR2P, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

The HUMFR5', HUMFR3', MOUFR5' and MOUFR3' DNA fragments were extracted with phenol. The DNA was then precipitated using 100% ethanol. The DNA (20-30 µg) was electrophoresed on a 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. The gel was stained with 1 µg/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragments detected in this way were excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centrinerter [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon]. The eluted DNA was concentrated by a centrifugation step at 7,500 x g for approximately 1 hour, followed by ethanol precipitation. The final DNA product in each case was dissolved in 50 µl of distilled water.

b) Second step PCR

The second step PCR is outlined in Figure 19.

HUMFR2

A fusion of the HUMFR5' and HUMFR3' DNA fragments, described above, was prepared using PCR. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "HUMFR2 DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:

Composition of the reaction solution:

HUMFR5' DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 µl;

HUMFR3' DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 µl;
 oligonucleotide primer VH1P, 80 pmol;
 oligonucleotide primer VH06, 80 pmol;
 25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
 10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
 Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

MOUFR2

A fusion of the MOUFR5' and MOUFR3' DNA fragments described above (hereinafter referred to as the "MOUFR2 DNA fragment") was prepared using PCR under the following conditions.

Composition of the reaction solution:

MOUFR5' DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 µl;
 MOUFR3' DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 µl;
 oligonucleotide primer VH1P, 80 pmol;
 oligonucleotide primer VH06, 80 pmol;
 25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
 10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
 Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

The HUMFR2 and MOUFR2 DNA fragments were extracted with phenol. The DNA was then precipitated using ethanol. The DNA (20-30 µg) was electrophoresed on a 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. The gel was stained with 1 µg/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragments detected in this way were excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centriruter [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon]. The eluted DNA was concentrated by a centrifugation step at 7,500 x g for approximately 1 hour, followed by ethanol precipitation. The final DNA product in each case was dissolved in 50 µl of distilled water.

The construction of a plasmid carrying the HUMFR2 DNA fragment and the MOUFR2 DNA fragment is outlined in Figure 20.

The HUMFR2 and MOUFR2 DNA fragments obtained in this way were further purified by phenol extraction followed by ethanol precipitation. The DNA was then digested with the restriction enzymes Xho 1 and Bg11.

A portion (1 µg) of plasmid pMEHC20 DNA was also digested with the restriction enzymes Xho1 and Bg11, and then dephosphorylated with CIP. A portion (100 ng) of the dephosphorylated plasmid pMEHC20 DNA was ligated to 0.5µg of each of the Xho1 and Bg11 digested HUMFR2 or MOUFR2 DNA fragments. Ligation was carried out using a ligation kit [Takara Shuzo] and the product of the ligation transformed into *E. coli* strain JM109 [Takara Shuzo].

Restriction analysis of plasmid DNA contained in transformant colonies was carried out, to identify plasmids containing the DNA insert of interest. Plasmid pHFR3, containing the HUMFR2 DNA fragment and plasmid pHFR4, containing the MOUFR2 DNA fragment were obtained.

5) Construction of plasmid pMECW5

Plasmid pMECW5 was constructed by PCR using DNA from plasmid pMEC22 as a template for the PCR reaction. The PCR process is outlined in Figure 21.

a) First step PCR

HHC1

A DNA fragment was prepared representing the 5'-terminal region of the DNA insert of plasmid pMEC22. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "HHC DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:

Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pMEC22 DNA, 1 µg;
oligonucleotide primer ME18P, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer GTOSN, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

HHC2

A DNA fragment was prepared corresponding to an internal region of the DNA insert of plasmid pMEC22. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "HHC2 DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:
Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pMEC22 DNA, 1 µg;
oligonucleotide primer GTOSP, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer TCVVN1, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

HHC3

A DNA fragment was prepared representing the 3'-terminal region of the DNA insert of plasmid pMEC22. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "HHC3 DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:
Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pMEC22 DNA, 1 µg;
oligonucleotide primer TCVVAP, 80 pmol;
oligonucleotide primer VHTERM, 80 pmol;
25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 µl;
10x Pfu buffer, 20 µl;
Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

The HHC1, HHC2 and HHC3 DNA fragments thus obtained were extracted with phenol. The DNA was then precipitated using 100% ethanol. The DNA (20-30 µg) was electrophoresed on a 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. The gel was stained with 1 µg/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragments detected in this way were excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centriruter [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon]. The eluted DNA was concentrated by a centrifugation step at 7,500 x g for approximately 1 hour, followed by ethanol precipitation. The final DNA product in each case was dissolved in 50 µl of distilled water.

B) Second step PCR

The second step PCR is outlined in Figure 22.

HHC1-2

A fusion of the HHC1 DNA fragment and HHC2 DNA fragment was prepared using PCR. The DNA fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "HHC1-2 DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:

Composition of the reaction solution:

HHC1 DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 μ l;
 HHC2 DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 μ l;
 oligonucleotide primer ME18P, 80 pmol;
 oligonucleotide primer TCVVN, 80 pmol;
 25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 μ l;
 10x Pfu buffer, 20 μ l;
 Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

The HHC1-2 fragment thus obtained was extracted with phenol. The DNA was then precipitated using ethanol. The DNA (20-30 μ g) was electrophoresed on a 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. The gel was stained with 1 μ g/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragment detected in this way was excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centrurter [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon]. The eluted DNA was concentrated by a centrifugation step at 7,500 x g for approximately 1 hour, followed by ethanol precipitation. The final DNA product was dissolved in 50 μ l of distilled water.

c) Third step PCR

The third step PCR is outlined in Figure 23.

HHC123

A fusion of the HHC1-2 and HHC3 DNA fragments, described above, was prepared using PCR. The fragment is hereinafter referred to as "HHC12 DNA fragment". The PCR reaction conditions were as follows:

Composition of the reaction solution:

HHC3 DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 10 μ l;
 HHC1-2 DNA solution prepared in the second step PCR, 10 μ l;
 oligonucleotide primer ME18P, 80 pmol;
 oligonucleotide primer VHTERM, 80 pmol;
 25 mM dNTPs cocktail, 20 μ l;
 10x Pfu buffer, 20 μ l;
 Pfu DNA polymerase [Stratagene], 10 units.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

The HHC1-2 fragment thus obtained was extracted with phenol. The DNA was then precipitated using ethanol. The DNA (20 -30 μ g) was electrophoresed on a 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. The gel was stained with 1 μ g/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragment detected in this way was excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centrurter [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon]. The eluted DNA was concentrated by a centrifugation step at 7,500 x g for approximately 1 hour, followed by ethanol precipitation. The final DNA product was dissolved in 50 μ l of distilled water.

The construction of a plasmid carrying HHC123 DNA is outlined in Figure 24.

The HHC123 DNA obtained in this way was further purified by phenol extraction followed by ethanol precipitation. The DNA was then digested with the restriction enzymes Xho1 and Xba1.

A portion (1 μ g) of plasmid pME18S DNA [Hara, T. and Miyajima, A., *supra*] was also digested with the restriction enzymes Xho1 and Xba1, and then dephosphorylated with CIP. A portion (100 ng) of the dephosphorylated plasmid

pME18S DNA was ligated to 0.5 µg of Xho1 and Xba1 digested HMC123 DNA. Ligation was carried out using a ligation kit [Takara Shuzo] and the resulting DNA was transformed into *E. coli* strain JM109 [Takara Shuzo].

Restriction analysis of plasmid DNA contained in transformant colonies was carried out, to identify plasmids containing the DNA insert of interest. Plasmid pMECW5 was identified, containing the HMC123 DNA fragment.

6) Construction of expression plasmids pHµH5-1 and plasmid pHµM1-1 encoding humanised versions of the CH11 H chain

The final expression plasmids, pHµH5-1 and pHµM1-1, were constructed by combining DNA from plasmid pHFR3 DNA, plasmid pHFR4 DNA and plasmid pMECW5 DNA. The construction is outlined in Figure 25.

The HFR3 DNA fragment was prepared as follows. A portion (30 µg) of plasmid pHFR3 DNA was digested simultaneously with the restriction enzymes Apa1 and Xho1. The products of the digestion were separated by 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. The gel was stained with 1 µg/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragment of interest detected in this way, having a size of about 950 bp was excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centrifer [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon].

The HFR4 DNA fragment was prepared as follows. A portion (30 µg) of plasmid pHFR3 DNA was digested simultaneously with the restriction enzymes Apa1 and Xho1. The products of the digestion were separated by 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. The gel was stained with 1 µg/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragment of interest detected in this way, having a size of about 950 bp was excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centrifer [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon].

A portion 1 µg of DNA of plasmid pMECW5 was digested with the restriction enzymes Xho1 and Apa1, and then dephosphorylated with CIP. A portion (100 ng) of the dephosphorylated plasmid pMECW5 DNA was ligated to 0.5 µg of each of the HFR3 DNA or HFR4 DNA fragments prepared above. The ligation was carried out using a ligation kit [Takara Shuzo] and the product of the ligation reaction was transformed into *E. coli* strain DH5α.

Restriction analysis of plasmid DNA contained in transformant colonies was carried out, to identify plasmids containing the DNA insert of interest. Plasmid pHµH5-1 was identified, containing the HFR3 DNA fragment. Plasmid pHµM1-1 was identified, containing the HFR4 DNA fragment.

7) Verification of nucleotide sequences

The DNA inserts of the plasmids pHµH5-1 and pHµM1-1 were sequenced. The primers used in the sequencing process were ME18P (SEQ ID No. 176) and VH06 (SEQ ID No. 178), described above, in addition to 8 newly synthesised primers. Those were:

ME18RV; (SEQ ID No. 177);
VH05; (SEQ ID No. 179);
VH07; (SEQ ID No. 180);
VH08; (SEQ ID No. 181);
VH01; (SEQ ID No. 182);
VH02; (SEQ ID No. 183);
VH03; (SEQ ID No. 184); and
VH04; (SEQ ID No. 185).

DNA sequencing was performed using the dideoxynucleotide chain termination method [Sanger, F. S. *et al.*, *supra*]. Prior to sequencing, the plasmid DNA template was isolated from the host cells by alkaline-SDS lysis [Sambrook, J. *et al.*, *supra*] and the DNA purified using caesium chloride [Sambrook, J. *et al.*, *ibid.*].

Sequence analysis confirmed that the sequence of the DNA insert of pHµH5-1 encodes the polypeptide defined in SEQ ID No. 86. The sequence of the DNA insert of pHµM1-1 encodes the polypeptide defined in SEQ ID No. 88.

EXAMPLE 7

Expression of the genes coding for the subunits of humanised versions of CH11 in COS-7 cells

Humanised H chain DNA and humanised L chain DNA, constructed above, was expressed in the COS-7 cell line, a cell line derived from monkey kidney. The expression plasmids for the humanised H chains and the humanised L chains were transfected into COS-7 cells by electroporation, using the gene transfection apparatus ECM600 M (BTX).

COS-7 cells [American Type Culture Collection No. CRL-1651] were cultured in a 225 cm² culturing flask [Sumitomo Bakelite]. The cells were grown to a semi-confluent state in Dulbecco's modified Eagle minimum essential medium (hereinafter abbreviated as "DMEM"; Nissui Seiyaku) containing 10 % foetal bovine serum [CSL]. The medium was removed and the COS-7 cells were treated with 3 ml of trypsin-EDTA solution [Sigma Chemicals Co.] at 37°C for 3 minutes. The cells were harvested by centrifugation at 800 rpm for 2 minutes and then washed twice with phosphate buffer [0.02 % (w/v) potassium chloride (KCl), 0.02 % (w/v) potassium dihydrogenphosphate (KH₂PO₄), 0.8 % (w/v) sodium chloride (NaCl), 1.15 % (w/v) disodium hydrogenphosphate (Na₂HPO₄); hereinafter referred to as "PBS(-) buffer"; Nissui Seiyaku]. The washed COS-7 cells were adjusted to a density of 4x10⁶ cells, ml with PBS(-) buffer to produce a COS-7 cell suspension.

In parallel, plasmid DNA was prepared from the H chain expression plasmids and the L chain expression plasmids, using a plasmid Maxiprep kit [MaxiPrep DNA Purification Kit; Promega]. A portion (40µg) of DNA from each of a heavy chain expression plasmid and a light chain expression plasmid was mixed in a single tube, and then precipitated with 100% ethanol. The combinations of heavy and light chain DNA mixtures are defined below. The DNA was resuspended in 40 µl of PBS(-) buffer. The resulting plasmid mixture (40 µl) was mixed with 500 µl of the COS-7 cell suspension (2 x 10⁶ cells), prepared above.

The mixture was transferred to an electroporation cuvette having an electrode interval of 4 mm [BioRad], and then loaded in an electroporation apparatus. Electroporation was then used to introduce the plasmid DNA of interest into the COS-7 cells, using a pulse of 150 V, 900 µF. After electroporation, the cell-DNA mixture was resuspended in 20 ml of DMEM containing 10 % foetal bovine serum, then transferred to a 75 cm² culturing flask [Sumitomo Bakelite]. The cells were incubated in 75 % CO₂ at 37 °C for 24 hours. The culture supernatant was removed and the cells were washed with serum-free DMEM medium. A portion (20 ml) of fresh serum-free DMEM medium was added and the cells were cultured in 7.5 % CO₂ at 37 °C for 24 hours. The supernatant was then recovered.

COS-7 cells were transfected with the following plasmids or plasmid combinations, using the above procedure. The supernatant was recovered in each case.

- (A): pME18S
- (B): pHµM1-1 and pHxKY2-58
- (C): pHµM1-1 and pHxKF2-19
- (D): pHµM1-1 and pHxRY2-10
- (E): pHµM1-1 and pHxRF2-52
- (F): pHµH5-1 and pHxKY2-58
- (G): pHµH5-1 and pHxKF2-19
- (H): pHµH5-1 and pHxRY2-10
- (I): pHµH5-1 and pHxRF2-52

TEST EXAMPLE 1

Detection of the humanised anti-human Fas antibodies

The humanised anti-human Fas antibodies produced by the present invention were identified by Western blotting. This method involves the separation of proteins by SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (hereinafter referred to as "SDS-PAGE"), followed by transfer to a nitrocellulose membrane. The transferred protein can then be identified by cross reaction with antibodies.

1) Separation by SDS-PAGE

A portion (1 ml) of the culture supernatant obtained in Working Example 7 was dialysed against 5 litres of pure water, using a dialysis tube with the exclusion limit of 12,000 to 14,000 daltons. The dialysis was carried out at 4 °C for 15 hours. The resulting solution was dried under vacuum using a centrifuge-concentrator [CC-101; Tomy Seiko]. A portion (10 µl) of sample buffer [2 % (w/v) SDS (electrophoresis grade; BioRad), 5 % (v/v) β-mercaptoethanol (Sigma Chemicals Co.), 10% (v/v) glycerol, 0.1 % (w/v) bromophenol blue] was added, after which the mixture was heated at 100 °C for 5 minutes to produce an electrophoresis sample. The electrophoresis sample obtained was loaded on an SDS-PAGE (4 to 20 % gradient gel; Iwaki Glass), and run at 20 mA, constant current, at room temperature for 1 hour.

2) Transfer and immobilisation of the proteins

Once the electrophoresis had been performed, the proteins were transferred from the gel to a nitrocellulose membrane [Transblot Transfer Membrane; BioRad] using the semi-dry blotting method [Towbin, H., *et al.*, (1979), Proc.

Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 76, 4350]. The specific apparatus and conditions used were as follows:

Transfer buffer: 20 mM Tris, 150 mM glycine,
10 % (v/v) methanol;
5 Blotting apparatus: Manufactured by Iwaki Glass (TF03-050);
Running conditions: 4 °C, 0.2 A (constant current), 1 hour.

SDS-PAGE and Western blotting were performed in duplicate, under identical conditions, resulting in two identical nitrocellulose membranes. One membrane was analysed to detect the H chain and the other analysed to detect the L chain.

3) Antibody detection

After the Western transfer, the nitrocellulose membranes were immersed in an aqueous solution of 20 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.5) with 500 mM sodium chloride [NaCl] (hereinafter referred to as "TBS") containing 3 % (w/v) gelatin [Nippon BioRad]. The membranes were shaken gently at room temperature for 1 hour (the procedure is hereinafter referred to as "blocking").

Detection of the H chains of the humanised antibodies was carried out using a peroxidase-labelled anti-human IgM H chain antibody [Peroxidase-conjugated AffiniPure Goat Anti-Human IgM, Fc5µ Fragment Specific; Jackson Immuno-research Laboratory]. After blocking, the nitrocellulose membranes were removed from the blocking solution and shaken in 10 ml of buffer (TBS solution containing 1 % (w/v) gelatin) containing 5 µl of the labelled anti-human IgM H chain antibody at room temperature for 4 hours. The nitrocellulose membranes were then removed and immersed in 20 ml of TBS solution containing 2 % (v/v) Tween 20 [BioRad], then washed by gently shaking at room temperature for 20 minutes. This wash was repeated. The washed nitrocellulose membranes were then blot-dried with paper towels.

Cross reactivity between the antibody and the proteins on the membrane was detected via the peroxidase activity conjugated to the antibody.

Residual peroxidase activity on the membrane was detected using an ECL Western Blotting System [Amersham]. More specifically, the substrate in this system emits light during a chemical reaction under the catalytic action of peroxidase. The light emission may be detected using an ECL Mini Camera [Amersham] and instant film [Type 667; Polaroid]. The proteins remaining in the gel were silver-stained [Oakley *et al.*, (1980), Anal. Biochem, 105, 361 *et seq.*]. The pictures taken were compared with the silver-stained gels to identify the protein bands that were specifically bound to the antibody.

Detection of the L chains of the humanised antibodies was carried out using a peroxidase-labelled anti-human IgM L chain antibody [Peroxidase-Labelled Monoclonal Antibody to Human Kappa Light Chain HP6156; Kilkeguard and Perry Laboratory]. After blocking, the nitrocellulose membranes were removed from the blocking solution and shaken in 10 ml of buffer (TBS solution containing 1 % (w/v) gelatin) containing 10 µl of the labelled anti-human IgM L chain antibody, at room temperature for 4 hours. The nitrocellulose membranes were then removed and immersed in 20 ml of TBS solution containing 0.05 % (v/v) Tween 20 and washed by gently shaking at room temperature for 20 minutes. This wash was repeated. The washed nitrocellulose membranes were then blot-dried with paper towels.

As with the detection of the humanised H chains, any proteins reacting with the antibody were detected using ECL Western Blotting System [Amersham]. The cross reaction was followed by the production of light, detected via photographic film. The pictures taken were compared with the silver-stained gels to identify the protein bands that were specifically bound to the antibody.

Use of the antibody specific to the human H chain resulted in the detection of a band of approximately 78,000 daltons in the following; samples (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H) and (I) of Working Example 7. These samples all derive from COS-7 cells transfected with either pHµM1-1 or pHµH5-1

Use of the antibody specific to the human L chain resulted in the detection of a band of approximately 25,000 daltons in the following; samples (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H) and (I) of Working Example 7. These samples all derive from COS-7 cells transfected with either plasmid pHxKY2-58, plasmid pHxKF2-19, plasmid pHxRY2-10 or plasmid pHxRF2-52.

TEST EXAMPLE 2

Determination of the binding activity of the anti-Fas antibodies to Fas antigen

The ability of the humanised anti-Fas antibodies of the present invention to bind the Fas antigen was assayed by the ELISA technique. This method involves the preparation of a soluble human Fas fusion protein, followed by an assay to detect binding of the antibody to the soluble protein.

1) Expression of a soluble human Fas antigen fusion protein

In order to produce a soluble human Fas antigen, an expression vector for a fusion protein was constructed, consisting of the extracellular domain of the human Fas antigen and the extracellular domain of mouse interleukin-3 receptor. This protein is hereinafter referred to as the human Fas fusion protein".

DNA encoding the human Fas fusion protein was prepared by PCR, as follows;

a) Template DNA

Plasmid DNA from two plasmids was used in the PCR reaction, to generate a human Fas fusion protein. The first plasmid was plasmid pME18S-mFas-AIC [Nishimura, Y. *et al.*, (1995), J. Immunol., 154, 4395], which encodes a fusion protein of the extracellular domain of mouse Fas antigen [Watanabe-Fukunaga, R., *et al.*, (1992), J. Immunol., 148, 1274 *et seq.*] and the extracellular domain of mouse interleukin-3 receptor [Gorman, D., *et al.*, (1990), Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 87, 5459 *et seq.*, Hara, T. and Miyajima, A., (1992), EMBO J, 11, 1875]. The other plasmid, pCEV4, carries cDNA encoding the human Fas antigen [Itoh, N., *et al.*, (1991), Cell, 66, 233].

b) Preparation of the primers

Four nucleotide primers were prepared for PCR. The sequences prepared were:

N1; (Seq. ID No. 186);
C3N; (Seq. ID No. 187);
N3N; (Seq. ID No. 188); and
CTN2; (Seq. ID No. 189).

c) First step PCR

The outline of the first step PCR is shown in Figure 26.

HFAS

A fragment of DNA was prepared encoding the extracellular domain of the human Fas antigen. This fragment is herein referred to as the "HFAS DNA fragment". The PCR process was carried out using the LA PCR Kit [Takara Shuzo], under the following conditions.

Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pCEV4 DNA, 20 ng;
oligonucleotide primer N1, 0.5 µg;
oligonucleotide primer C3N, 0.5 µg;
dNTP mix, 25 µl;
10 x LA PCR buffer, 25 µl;
LA Taq polymerase [Takara Shuzo], 12.5 units.

The final volume of the solution was made up to 250 µl with redistilled water. The dNTP mix, 10 x LA PCR buffer and LA Taq polymerase were provided in the kit.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

MAIC

A DNA fragment was prepared coding for the extracellular domain of mouse interleukin-3 receptor. This fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "MAIC DNA fragment". The PCR process was carried out using the LA PCR Kit [Takara Shuzo], under the following conditions.

Composition of the reaction solution:

plasmid pME18S-mFas-AIC DNA, 20 ng;
oligonucleotide primer N3N, 0.5 µg;

oligonucleotide primer CTN2, 0.5 µg;
 dNTP mix, 25 µl;
 10 x LA PCR buffer, 25 µl;
 LA Taq polymerase [Takara Shuzo], 12.5 units.

The final volume of the solution was made up to 250 µl with redistilled water. The dNTP mix, 10 x LA PCR buffer and LA Taq polymerase were provided in the kit.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

The HFAS DNA and MAIC DNA fragments amplified after PCR were extracted with phenol. The DNA was then precipitated using 100% ethanol. The DNA fragments (20-30 µg) were electrophoresed on a 5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. The gel was stained with 1 µg/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragments detected in this way were excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the acrylamide gel using a Centriruter [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon]. The eluted DNA was concentrated by a centrifugation step at 7,500 x g for approximately 1 hour, followed by ethanol precipitation. The final DNA product was dissolved in 20 µl of distilled water.

d) Second step PCR

The outline of the second step PCR is shown in Figure 27.

FASAIC

A DNA fragment was prepared encoding a human Fas fusion protein. The fragment is hereinafter referred to as the "FASAIC DNA fragment". The PCR process was carried out using the LA PCR Kit [Takara Shuzo], under the following conditions.

Composition of the reaction solution:

HFAS DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 20 µl;
 MAIC DNA solution prepared in the first step PCR, 20 µl;
 oligonucleotide primer N1, 0.5 µg;
 oligonucleotide primer CTN2, 0.5 µg;
 DNTP MIX, 25 µl;
 10x LA PCR buffer, 25 µl;
 LA Taq polymerase [Takara Shuzo], 12.5 units.

The final volume of the solution was made up to 250 µl with redistilled water. The DNTP MIX, 10 x LA PCR buffer and LA Taq polymerase were provided in the kit.

Specifically, the reaction solution was initially heated at 94 °C for 2 minutes. The sample was then heated using the following thermal cycle: 94 °C for 1 minute, 55 °C for 1 minute and 72 °C for 2 minutes. This cycle was repeated 30 times. Subsequently, the reaction solution was incubated at 72 °C for 10 minutes.

The FASAIC DNA fragment amplified by PCR in this way was extracted with phenol. The DNA was then precipitated using 100% ethanol. The DNA fragment (20-30 µg) was electrophoresed on a 1% (w/v) agarose gel. The gel was stained with 1 µg/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragment was visible when viewed under UV light. The DNA fragment detected in this way were excised from the gel with a razor blade and electro-eluted from the agarose gel using a Centriruter [Amicon] equipped with Centricon 10 [Amicon]. The eluted DNA was concentrated by a centrifugation step at 7,500 x g for approximately 1 hour, followed by ethanol precipitation. The final DNA product was dissolved in 50 µl of distilled water.

The construction of a plasmid carrying FASAIC DNA fragment is outlined in Figure 28.

The FASAIC DNA obtained in this way was further purified by phenol extraction followed by ethanol precipitation. The DNA was then digested with the restriction enzymes EcoR1 and Xba1.

A portion (2 µg) of plasmid pME18S-mFas-AIC DNA was digested with the restriction enzymes EcoR1 and Xba1. The products of the digestion were separated by electrophoresis on a 0.8 % (w/v) agarose gel. The gel was stained with 1 µg/ml of ethidium bromide, such that the DNA fragments were visible when viewed under UV light. A DNA band of approximately 3,000 bp was excised with a razor blade to recover the DNA.

A portion of the digested pME18S-mFas-AIC DNA obtained above was ligated to a portion of the EcoR1 and Xba1 digested FASAIC DNA. The ligation was carried out using a ligation kit, and the ligation product was transformed into

E. coli strain DH5 α .

Restriction analysis of plasmid DNA contained in transformant colonies was carried out, to identify plasmids containing the DNA insert of interest. Plasmid pHas-AIC2 was identified containing the FASAIC DNA fragment (encoding a human Fas fusion protein) inserted downstream of SR α promoter in the correct orientation for expression of the immunoglobulin polypeptide.

e) Expression in COS-7 cells

The expression plasmid obtained above for the human Fas fusion protein was transfected into COS-7 cells by electroporation using the gene transfection apparatus ECM600 M (BTX).

COS-7 cells [American Type Culture Collection No. CRL-1651] were cultured in a 225 cm² culturing flask [Sumitomo Bakelite]. The cells were grown to a semi-confluent state in DMEM containing 10 % foetal bovine serum [CSL]. The medium was removed and the COS-7 cells were treated with 3 ml of trypsin-EDTA solution [Sigma Chemicals Co.] at 37°C for 3 minutes. The detached cells were harvested by centrifugation at 800 rpm for 2 minutes and then washed twice with PBS(-) buffer [Nissui Seiyaku]. The washed cells were adjusted to a density of 4x10⁶ cells/ml with PBS(-) buffer to produce a COS-7 cell suspension.

In parallel, 100 μ g of pHas-AIC2 plasmid DNA was prepared using a plasmid MaxiPrep kit [MaxiPrep DNA Purification Kit; Promega]. The DNA was precipitated with 100% ethanol, and then suspended in 100 μ l of PBS(-) buffer. The plasmid solution (100 μ l) was mixed with 500 μ l of COS-7 cells, prepared above (equivalent to 2 x 10⁶ cells). The mixture was transferred to an electroporation cuvette having an electrode interval of 4 mm distance [BioRad], and then loaded in an electroporation apparatus. Electroporation was then used to introduce the plasmid DNA of interest into the COS-7 cells, using a pulse 150 V-900 μ F.

After electroporation, the cell-DNA mixture was resuspended in 20 ml of DMEM containing 10 % foetal bovine serum, then transferred to a 75 cm² culturing flask [Sumitomo Bakelite]. The cells were incubated in 7.5 % CO₂ at 37 °C for 24 hours. The culture supernatant was removed and the cells were washed with serum-free DMEM medium. A portion (20 ml) of fresh serum-free DMEM medium was added and the cells were cultured in 7.5 % CO₂ at 37 °C for 24 hours. The supernatant was then recovered.

2) Assay for the binding ability to Fas antigen by ELISA

The ability of the humanised antibodies to bind the Fas antigen was assayed by the ELISA method, as follows.

The supernatant of the COS-7 cell culture (prepared in section 1, above) was mixed with 50 mM carbonate-bicarbonate buffer (pH 9.5) in the ratio of (1 : 5). A portion of the mixture (50 μ l) was added to each well of a 96-well EIA plate (3690, bottom area 0.16 cm²; Coster) and incubated at 4 °C overnight, to allow adsorption of the human Fas fusion protein to the surface of the wells. After adsorption, each well was washed with PBS (-) buffer containing 0.05 % Tween 20 (EIA grade; BioRad, hereinafter referred to as "PBS-T").

SuperBlock Blocking Buffer [Pierce, Inc.] was made up in PBS, and 50 μ l of this buffer was added to each well. The plate was incubated at room temperature for 2 hours in order to effect blocking. The wells were washed again with PBS-T.

A 50 μ l sample of each of the diluted culture supernatants prepared in Working Example 7 was added to each well and incubated at 37 °C for 2 hours. The wells were then washed with PBS-T. A portion (50 μ l) of peroxidase-labelled goat anti-human IgM monoclonal antibody [Jackson Immuno-research Laboratory], diluted at 1 : 10,000 in PBS, was dispensed into each well and the plate incubated at 37 °C for 2 hours. After washing with PBS-T, 50 μ l of substrate solution [Peroxidase Substrate Set - ABTS; BioRad] was dispensed into each well, to initiate a colourimetric assay.

The ability of the humanised antibodies contained in the culture supernatants to bind to the human Fas antigen fusion protein was evaluated by reading the absorbance of each well at 405 nm and 492 nm with a microplate reader [Model 3550UV; BioRad]. The ratio of the absorbance at 405 nm and that at 492 nm allows the binding of IgM to the immobilised to be calculated.

The results of the assay indicate that the humanised antibodies produced in samples (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H) and (I) of Working Example 7 were capable of binding to the human Fas antigen fusion protein (Figures 29 and 30).

TEST EXAMPLE 3

Assay for apoptosis-inducing activity

The culture supernatant samples prepared in Working Example 7 above were incubated with the human lymphocyte cell line 'HPB-ALL', in order to determine the cytotoxic activity of the humanised antibodies contained in the supernatants.

HPB-ALL cells were grown in RPMI 1640 medium [Nissui Seiyaku] containing 20mM HEPES, 50 μ M β -mercaptoethanol, 0.33% sodium bicarbonate [Sigma] and 10% foetal bovine serum [CSL], (hereinafter referred to as 'RPMI medium') in 5% CO₂ at 37°C. HBP-ALL cells were harvested at logarithmic phase by centrifugation, at 800 RPM for 3 minutes. The cell pellet was resuspended in RPMI medium at a density of 6×10^5 cells/ml, producing a HBP-ALL cell suspension.

Each of the culture supernatants prepared in Working Example 7, along with the mouse anti-human Fas antibody CH11 were diluted to the following concentrations: 250, 100, 25, 10, 2.5, 1, 0.25 and 0.1 ng/ml. A portion (50 μ l) of each dilution was mixed with 50 μ l of the HBP-ALL cell suspension (at 3×10^4 cells/50 μ l) in each well of a 96-well culture plate. The plate was incubated in 5% CO₂ at 37°C for 2 hours. The absorbance at 450nm and 750 nm was measured, using a microplate reader Model 3550-UV [Bio-Rad Co]. The concentration of each sample was measured by the densitometric analysis of Western Blots, prepared as described in Test Example 1.

The % survival of HBP-ALL cells was calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Survival Rate (\%)} = (A-C)/(B-C) \times 100$$

Where:

- A = Number of cells remaining after incubation of CH11 or humanised antibody with HBP-ALL cells.
- B = Number of cells remaining after culture of HBP-ALL cells alone (no CH11 or humanised antibody).
- C = RPMI medium alone, without HBP-ALL cells (incubated for 20 hours, as A and B above).

The results are presented graphically in Figure 31. The ED₅₀ value, an index of the cytotoxic activity, was calculated in each case. ED₅₀ represents the concentration of the IgM for which 50% of the cells survive.

The results are as follows:

Sample	ED ₅₀ (ng/ml)
B	1.1
C	1.0
D	1.7
E	1.5
G	2.4
I	3.4
CH11	10.7

The results indicate that the recombinant anti-Fas IgM molecules that lack the J chain have 3 to 10 times higher cytotoxic activity than CH11, which possesses the J chain.

Annex to the description

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(v) FRAGMENT TYPE: internal

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 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(v) FRAGMENT TYPE: internal

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(v) FRAGMENT TYPE: internal

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(G) CELL TYPE: Hybridoma
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 (B) TYPE: amino acid
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Ser Pro Gln Lys Lys Phe Ile Ser Lys Pro Asn Glu Val His Lys His
430 435 440 445

Pro Pro Ala Val Tyr Leu Leu Pro Pro Ala Arg Glu Gln Leu Asn Leu
450 455 460

Arg Glu Ser Ala Thr Val Thr Cys Leu Val Lys Gly Phe Ser Pro Ala
465 470 475

Asp Ile Ser Val Gln Trp Leu Gln Arg Gly Gln Leu Leu Pro Gln Glu
480 485 490

Lys Tyr Val Thr Ser Ala Pro Met Pro Glu Pro Gly Ala Pro Gly Phe
495 500 505

Tyr Phe Thr His Ser Ile Leu Thr Val Thr Glu Glu Glu Trp Asn Ser
510 515 520 525

Gly Glu Thr Tyr Thr Cys Val Val Gly His Glu Ala Leu Pro His Leu
530 535 540

Val Thr Glu Arg Thr Val Asp Lys Ser Thr Gly Lys Pro Thr Leu Tyr
545 550 555

Asn Val Ser Leu Ile Met Ser Asp Thr Gly Gly Thr Cys Tyr
560 565 570

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 9:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 717 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
(A) ORGANISM: Mus musculus
(G) CELL TYPE: Hybridoma
(H) CELL LINE: CH11

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION:1..714

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: mat_peptide
(B) LOCATION:58..714

(ix) FEATURE:

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(A) NAME/KEY: sig_peptide
(B) LOCATION:1..57

5	(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 9:																			
	ATG AAG TTG CCT GTT AGG CTG TTG GTG CTG ATG TTC TGG ATT CCT GCT																			43
	Met Lys Leu Pro Val Arg Leu Leu Val Leu Met Phe Trp Ile Pro Ala																			
	-19			-15				-10											-5	
10	TCC AGC AGT GAT GTT GTG ATG ACC CAA AGT CCA CTC TCC CTG CCT GTC																			96
	Ser Ser Ser Asp Val Val Met Thr Gln Ser Pro Leu Ser Leu Pro Val																			
			1					5											10	
15	AGT CTT GGA GAT CAA GCC TCC ATC TCT TGC AGA TCT AGT AAG AGC CTT																			144
	Ser Leu Gly Asp Gln Ala Ser Ile Ser Cys Arg Ser Ser Lys Ser Leu																			
	15					20									25					
20	GTA CAC AGT AAT GGA AAC ACC TAT TTA CAT TGG TAC CTG CAG AAG CCA																			192
	Val His Ser Asn Gly Asn Thr Tyr Leu His Trp Tyr Leu Gln Lys Pro																			
	30					35					40								45	
25	GGC CAG TCT CCA AAG CTC CTG ATC TAC AAA GTT TCC AAC CGA TTT TCT																			240
	Gly Gln Ser Pro Lys Leu Leu Ile Tyr Lys Val Ser Asn Arg Phe Ser																			
				50					55										60	
30	GGG GTC CCA GAC AGG TTC AGT GGC AGT GGA TCA GGG ACA GAT TTC ACA																			288
	Gly Val Pro Asp Arg Phe Ser Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Thr Asp Phe Thr																			
			65					70											75	
35	CTC AAG ATC AGC AGA GTG GAG GCT GAG GAT CTG GGA GTT TAT TTC TGC																			336
	Leu Lys Ile Ser Arg Val Glu Ala Glu Asp Leu Gly Val Tyr Phe Cys																			
			80					85											90	
40	TCT CAA AGT ACA CAT GTT CCT CCG GCG TTC GGT GGA GGC ACC AAG CTG																			384
	Ser Gln Ser Thr His Val Pro Pro Ala Phe Gly Gly Gly Thr Lys Leu																			
			95					100											105	
45	GAA ATC AAA CGG GCT GAT GCT GCA CCA ACT GTA TCC ATC TTC CCA CCA																			432
	Glu Ile Lys Arg Ala Asp Ala Ala Pro Thr Val Ser Ile Phe Pro Pro																			
	110					115					120								125	
50	TCC AGT GAG CAG TTA ACA TCT GGA GGT GCC TCA GTC GTG TGC TTC TTG																			480
	Ser Ser Glu Gln Leu Thr Ser Gly Gly Ala Ser Val Val Cys Phe Leu																			
						130					135								140	
55	AAC AAC TTC TAC CCC AAA GAC ATC AAT GTC AAG TGG AAG ATT GAT GGC																			528
	Asn Asn Phe Tyr Pro Lys Asp Ile Asn Val Lys Trp Lys Ile Asp Gly																			
				145					150										155	
60	AGT GAA CGA CAA AAT GGC GTC CTG AAC AGT TGG ACT GAT CAG GAC AGC																			576
	Ser Glu Arg Gln Asn Gly Val Leu Asn Ser Trp Thr Asp Gln Asp Ser																			
				160					165										170	

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	AAA GAC AGC ACC TAC AGC ATG AGC AGC ACC CTC ACG TTG ACC AAG GAC	524
	Lys Asp Ser Thr Tyr Ser Met Ser Ser Thr Leu Thr Leu Thr Lys Asp	
	175 180 185	
5	GAG TAT GAA CGA CAT AAC AGC TAT ACC TGT GAG GCC ACT CAC AAG ACA	522
	Glu Tyr Glu Arg His Asn Ser Tyr Thr Cys Glu Ala Thr His Lys Thr	
	190 195 200 205	
10	TCA ACT TCA CCC ATT GTC AAG AGC TTC AAC AGG AAT GAG TGT	714
	Ser Thr Ser Pro Ile Val Lys Ser Phe Asn Arg Asn Glu Cys	
	210 215	
	TAG	717

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 10:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 238 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 10:

Met Lys Leu Pro Val Arg Leu Leu Val Leu Met Phe Trp Ile Pro Ala	
-19 -15 -10 -5	
Ser Ser Ser Asp Val Val Met Thr Gln Ser Pro Leu Ser Leu Pro Val	
1 5 10	
Ser Leu Gly Asp Gln Ala Ser Ile Ser Cys Arg Ser Ser Lys Ser Leu	
15 20 25	
Val His Ser Asn Gly Asn Thr Tyr Leu His Trp Tyr Leu Gln Lys Pro	
30 35 40 45	
Gly Gln Ser Pro Lys Leu Leu Ile Tyr Lys Val Ser Asn Arg Phe Ser	
50 55 60	
Gly Val Pro Asp Arg Phe Ser Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Thr Asp Phe Thr	
65 70 75	
Leu Lys Ile Ser Arg Val Glu Ala Glu Asp Leu Gly Val Tyr Phe Cys	
80 85 90	
Ser Gln Ser Thr His Val Pro Pro Ala Phe Gly Gly Gly Thr Lys Leu	
95 100 105	
Glu Ile Lys Arg Ala Asp Ala Ala Pro Thr Val Ser Ile Phe Pro Pro	
110 115 120 125	
Ser Ser Glu Gln Leu Thr Ser Gly Gly Ala Ser Val Val Cys Phe Leu	
130 135 140	

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Asn Asn Phe Tyr Pro Lys Asp Ile Asn Val Lys Trp Lys Ile Asp Gly
 145 150 155
 Ser Glu Arg Gln Asn Gly Val Leu Asn Ser Trp Thr Asp Gln Asp Ser
 160 165 170
 Lys Asp Ser Thr Tyr Ser Met Ser Ser Thr Leu Thr Leu Thr Lys Asp
 175 180 185
 Glu Tyr Glu Arg His Asn Ser Tyr Thr Cys Glu Ala Thr His Lys Thr
 190 195 200 205
 Ser Thr Ser Pro Ile Val Lys Ser Phe Asn Arg Asn Glu Cys
 210 215

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 11:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 480 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: Mus musculus
- (G) CELL TYPE: Hybridoma
- (H) CELL LINE: CH11

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
- (B) LOCATION:1..477

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: mat_peptide
- (B) LOCATION:67..477

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: sig_peptide
- (B) LOCATION:1..66

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 11:

ATG AAG ACC CAC CTG CTT CTC TGG GGA GTC CTC GCC ATT TTT GTT AAG 48
 Met Lys Thr His Leu Leu Leu Trp Gly Val Leu Ala Ile Phe Val Lys
 -22 -20 -15 -10
 GCT GTC CTT GTA ACA GGT GAC GAC GAA GCG ACC ATT CTT GCT GAC AAC 96
 Ala Val Leu Val Thr Gly Asp Asp Glu Ala Thr Ile Leu Ala Asp Asn
 -5 1 5 10

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AAA TGC ATG TGT ACC CGA GTT ACC TCT AGG ATC ATC CCT TCC ACC GAG 144
 Lys Cys Met Cys Thr Arg Val Thr Ser Arg Ile Ile Pro Ser Thr Glu
 15 20 25
 5 GAT CCT AAT GAG GAC ATT GTG GAG AGA AAT ATC CGA ATT GTT GTC CCT 152
 Asp Pro Asn Glu Asp Ile Val Glu Arg Asn Ile Arg Ile Val Val Pro
 30 35 40
 10 TTG AAC AAC AGG GAG AAT ATC TCT GAT CCC ACC TCC CCA CTG AGA AGG 243
 Leu Asn Asn Arg Glu Asn Ile Ser Asp Pro Thr Ser Pro Leu Arg Arg
 45 50 55
 15 AAC TTT GTA TAC CAT TTG TCA GAC GTC TGT AAG AAA TGC GAT CCT GTG 283
 Asn Phe Val Tyr His Leu Ser Asp Val Cys Lys Lys Cys Asp Pro Val
 60 65 70
 GAA GTG GAG CTG GAA GAT CAG GTT GTT ACT GCC ACC CAG AGC AAC ATC 336
 Glu Val Glu Leu Glu Asp Gln Val Val Thr Ala Thr Gln Ser Asn Ile
 75 80 85 90
 20 TGC AAT GAG GAC GAT GGT GTT CCT GAG ACC TGC TAC ATG TAT GAC AGA 384
 Cys Asn Glu Asp Asp Gly Val Pro Glu Thr Cys Tyr Met Tyr Asp Arg
 95 100 105
 25 AAC AAG TGC TAT ACC ACT ATG GTC CCA CTT AGG TAT CAT GGT GAG ACC 432
 Asn Lys Cys Tyr Thr Thr Met Val Pro Leu Arg Tyr His Gly Glu Thr
 110 115 120
 AAA ATG GTG CAA GCA GCC TTG ACC CCC GAT TCT TGC TAC CCT GAC 477
 Lys Met Val Gln Ala Ala Leu Thr Pro Asp Ser Cys Tyr Pro Asp
 125 130 135
 30 TAG 490
 35 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 12:
 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 159 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 40 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 12:
 45 Met Lys Thr His Leu Leu Leu Trp Gly Val Leu Ala Ile Phe Val Lys
 -22 -20 -15 -10
 Ala Val Leu Val Thr Gly Asp Asp Glu Ala Thr Ile Leu Ala Asp Asn
 -5 1 5 10
 50 Lys Cys Met Cys Thr Arg Val Thr Ser Arg Ile Ile Pro Ser Thr Glu
 15 20 25
 Asp Pro Asn Glu Asp Ile Val Glu Arg Asn Ile Arg Ile Val Val Pro
 30 35 40
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Leu Asn Asn Arg Glu Asn Ile Ser Asp Pro Thr Ser Pro Leu Arg Arg
 45 50 55

5 Asn Phe Val Tyr His Leu Ser Asp Val Cys Lys Lys Cys Asp Pro Val
 60 65 70

Glu Val Glu Leu Glu Asp Gln Val Val Thr Ala Thr Gln Ser Asn Ile
 75 80 85 90

10 Cys Asn Glu Asp Asp Gly Val Pro Glu Thr Cys Tyr Met Tyr Asp Arg
 95 100 105

Asn Lys Cys Tyr Thr Thr Met Val Pro Leu Arg Tyr His Gly Glu Thr
 110 115 120

15 Lys Met Val Gln Ala Ala Leu Thr Pro Asp Ser Cys Tyr Pro Asp
 125 130 135

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 13:

20 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 15 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 25 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(v) FRAGMENT TYPE: N-terminal

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 13:

35 Glu Val Gln Leu Gln Gln Ser Gly Pro Glu Leu Val Lys Pro Gly
 1 5 10 15

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 14:

40 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 21 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 45 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(v) FRAGMENT TYPE: N-terminal

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 14:

55 Asp Val Val Met Thr Gln Ser Pro Leu Ser Leu Pro Val Ser Leu Gly
 1 5 10 15

Asp Gln Ala Ser Ile
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 15:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 391 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: Mus musculus
(G) CELL TYPE: Hybridoma
(H) CELL LINE: CH11

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 2..391

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: mat_peptide
(B) LOCATION: 32..391

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: sig_peptide
(B) LOCATION: 2..31

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 15:

C	CTC	CTG	TCA	GGA	ACT	GCA	GGC	GTC	CAC	TCT	GAG	GTC	CAG	CTT	CAG	45
	Leu	Leu	Ser	Gly	Thr	Ala	Gly	Val	His	Ser	Glu	Val	Gln	Leu	Gln	
	-10					-5					1				5	
CAG	TCA	GGA	CCT	GAG	CTG	GTG	AAA	CCT	GGG	GCC	TCA	GTG	AAG	ATA	TCC	94
Gln	Ser	Gly	Pro	Glu	Leu	Val	Lys	Pro	Gly	Ala	Ser	Val	Lys	Ile	Ser	
			10						15					20		
TGC	AAG	GCT	TCT	GGA	TAC	ACA	TTC	ACT	GAC	TAC	AAC	ATG	CAC	TGG	GTG	142
Cys	Lys	Ala	Ser	Gly	Tyr	Thr	Phe	Thr	Asp	Tyr	Asn	Met	His	Trp	Val	
			25					30					35			
AAG	CAG	AGC	CAT	GGA	AAG	AGC	CTT	GAG	TGG	ATT	GGA	TAT	ATT	TAT	CCT	190
Lys	Gln	Ser	His	Gly	Lys	Ser	Leu	Glu	Trp	Ile	Gly	Tyr	Ile	Tyr	Pro	
			40				45					50				
TAC	AAT	GGT	GGT	ACT	GGC	TAC	AAC	CAG	AAG	TTC	AAG	AGC	AAG	GCC	ACA	238
Tyr	Asn	Gly	Gly	Thr	Gly	Tyr	Asn	Gln	Lys	Phe	Lys	Ser	Lys	Ala	Thr	
	55					60					65					

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TTG ACT GTT GAC AAT TCC TCC AGC ACA GCC TAC ATG GAG CTC CSC ACC 236
 Leu Thr Val Asp Asn Ser Ser Ser Thr Ala Tyr Met Glu Leu Arg Ser
 70 75 80 85

5 CTG ACA TCT GAG GAC TCT GCA GTC TAT TAC TGT GCA AGA AGT TAC TAT 334
 Leu Thr Ser Glu Asp Ser Ala Val Tyr Tyr Cys Ala Arg Ser Tyr Tyr
 90 95 100

10 GCT ATG GAC TAC TGG GGT CAA GGA ACC TCA GTC ACC GTC TCC TCA GAG 382
 Ala Met Asp Tyr Trp Gly Gln Gly Thr Ser Val Thr Val Ser Ser Glu
 105 110 115

AGT CAG TCC 391
 Ser Gln Ser
 120

15 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 16:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 388 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

20 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA

25 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

30 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
 (A) ORGANISM: Mus musculus
 (G) CELL TYPE: Hybridoma
 (H) CELL LINE: CH11

35 (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 2..388

40 (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: mat_peptide
 (B) LOCATION: 29..388

45 (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: sig_peptide
 (B) LOCATION: 2..29

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 16:

50 G ATG TTC TGG ATT CCT GCT TCC AGC AGT GAT GTT GTG ATG ACC CAA 46
 Met Phe Trp Ile Pro Ala Ser Ser Ser Asp Val Val Met Thr Gln
 -9 -5 1 5

55 AGT CCA CTC TCC CTG CCT GTC AGT CTT GGA GAT CAA GCC TCC ATC TCT 94
 Ser Pro Leu Ser Leu Pro Val Ser Leu Gly Asp Gln Ala Ser Ile Ser
 10 15 20

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	TGC AGA TCT AGT AAG AGC CTT GTA CAC AGT AAT GGA AAC ACC TAT TTA	143
	Cys Arg Ser Ser Lys Ser Leu Val His Ser Asn Gly Asn Thr Tyr Leu	
	25 30 35	
5	CAT TGG TAC CTG CAG AAG CCA GGC CAG TCT CCA AAG CTC CTG ATC TAC	190
	His Trp Tyr Leu Gln Lys Pro Gly Gln Ser Pro Lys Leu Leu Ile Tyr	
	40 45 50	
10	AAA GTT TCC AAC CGA TTT TCT GGG GTC CCA GAC AGG TTC AGT GGC AGT	233
	Lys Val Ser Asn Arg Phe Ser Gly Val Pro Asp Arg Phe Ser Gly Ser	
	55 60 65 70	
15	GGA TCA GGG ACA GAT TTC ACA CTC AAG ATC AGC AGA CTG GAG GCT GAG	286
	Gly Ser Gly Thr Asp Phe Thr Leu Lys Ile Ser Arg Val Glu Ala Glu	
	75 80 85	
20	GAT CTG GGA GTT TAT TTC TGC TCT CAA AGT ACA CAT GTT CCT CCG GCG	334
	Asp Leu Gly Val Tyr Phe Cys Ser Gln Ser Thr His Val Pro Pro Ala	
	90 95 100	
25	TTC GGT GGA GGC ACC AAG CTC GAA ATC AAA CGG GCT GAT GCT GCA CCA	382
	Phe Gly Gly Gly Thr Lys Leu Glu Ile Lys Arg Ala Asp Ala Ala Pro	
	105 110 115	
30	ACT GTA	399
	Thr Val	
	120	

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 17:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 33 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 17:

CTAAGGGAAT TCCGCCTCTC CTCAGACACT GAA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 18:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 34 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 18:

TTTTACTCTA GAGACCCAAG GCCTGCCTGG TTCA

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 19:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 33 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 19:

AAATAGGAAT TCCAGTCTCC TCAGGCTGTC TCC

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 20:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 32 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 20:

ATGATCTCTA GAGTGGTGGC ATCTCAGGAC CT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 21:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 32 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 21:

TTGGGGAATT CCTCACCTGT CCTGGGGTTA TT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 22:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 32 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 22:

ATTGCCTCTA GAGCCTCTAA GGACAACGAG CT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 23:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 23:

TGGGGCCTCA GTGAAGATAT

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 24:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 24:

CAATGGTGCT ACTGGCTACA

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 25:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 25:

TGACATCTGA GGACTCTGCA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 26:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 26:

TCCTCAGACA GTCAGTCCTT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 27:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 27:

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TCCTTCACCT CGAACTACCA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 28:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 28:

TCCCAAGAGC ATCCTTGAAG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 29:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 29:

AGATCTGCAT GTGCCCATTG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 30:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 30:

TCTAAACTCA TCTGCGAGGC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 31:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 - (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

- (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

- (iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 31:

GGTGACCATC GAGAACAAAG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 32:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 - (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

- (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

- (iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 32:

AGGGGTCTCA CCTTCTTGAA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 33:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 33:

TCCTTTGCCG ACATCTTCCT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 34:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 34:

GTGTGTACTG TGACTCACAG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 35:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 35:

AACTGAACCT GAGGGAGTCA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 36:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 36:

AACTCTTGCC CCAAGAGAAG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 37:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 37:

ATCCTGACTG TGACAGAGGA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 38:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 38:

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ACAAGTCCAC TGGTAAACCC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 39:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 39:

AGGATATCTT CACTGAGGCC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 40:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 40:

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ATCCAACAA GGCTCTTTCC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 41:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 41:

ACTGCAGAGT CCTCAGATGT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 42:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 42:

AGACGGTGAC TGAGGTTCTT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 43:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 43:

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CAGGTGAAGG AAATGGTGCT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 44:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 44:

ATGCTCTTGG GAGACAGCAA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 45:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 45:

CTCTGTTTTT GCCTCCGTAG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 46:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

- (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

- (iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 46:

TGGCCTCGCA GATGAGTTA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 47:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

- (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

- (iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 47:

CCTTTGTTCT CGATGGTCAC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 48:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

- (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 48:

TGTGGAGGAC ACGTTCTTCA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 49:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

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(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 49:

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ACTTTGAGAA GCCCAGGAGA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 50:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

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(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 50:

AGATCCCTGT GAGTCACAGT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 51:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 51:

AGCAGGTGGA TGTTTGTGCA

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 52:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 52:

TGAAGCCACT GCACACTGAT

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 53:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 53:

AGTTCCATTCTCCTCTGTC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 54:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 54:

TGTGTCAGAC ATGATCAGGG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 55:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 55:

TGAAGTTGCC TGTTAGGCTG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 56:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 56:

CTTGGAGATC AAGCCTCCAT

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 57:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 57:

GCTGAGGATC TGGGAGTTTA

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 58:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 58:

5 GATGCTGCAC CAACTGTATC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 59:

10 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 59:

CGACAAAATG GCGTCCTGAA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 60:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 60:

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ACGTTGACCA AGGACGAGTA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 61:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

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(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 61:

ATCTGCAAGA GATGGAGGCT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 62:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 62:

ACCCCAGAAA ATCGGTTGGA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 63:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

5 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 63:
CCGGAGGAAC ATGTGTACTT 20

10 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 64:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 15 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

20 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

25 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 64:
TCGTTTCATAC TCGTCCTTGG 20

30 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 65:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 35 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

40 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

45 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 65:
CATCTCAGGA CCTTTGTCTC 20

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 66:

55 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

5 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

10 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

15 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 66:

CACCTGTCCT GGGGTTATTT

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20 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 67:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

30 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 67:

AGACAAGATG AAGACCCACC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 68:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 68:

5 AAGCGACCAT TCTTGCTGAC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 69:

10 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

15 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

20 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

25 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 69:

ATATCTCTGA TCCACCTCC

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30 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 70:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

35 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

40 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

45 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 70:

50 GAAATGCGAT CCTGTGGAAG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 71:

55 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid

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(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 71:

CTATACCACT ATGGTCCCAC

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 72:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 72:

AGAAGCAGGT GGGTCTTCAT

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 73:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 73:

5 TAGAGGTAAC TCGGGTACAC 20

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 74:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 74:

25 AAGTTCCTTC TCAGTGGGGA 20

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 75:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 75:

45 GGTGGCAGTA ACAACCTGAT 20

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 76:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 76:

CATGATACCT AAGTGGGACC

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 77:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 720 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: double

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: CDS

(B) LOCATION:1..717

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: mat_peptide

(B) LOCATION:61..717

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: sig_peptide

(B) LOCATION:1..60

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 77:

ATG AGG CTC CCT GCT CAG CTC CTG GGG CTG CTA ATG CTC TGG GTC CCA
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Gly Ser Ser Gly Asp Val Val Met Thr Gln Ser Pro Leu Ser Leu Pro
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GTC ACC CTT GGA CAG CCG GCC TCC ATC TCC TGC AGA TCT AGT AAG AGC
Val Thr Leu Gly Gln Pro Ala Ser Ile Ser Cys Arg Ser Ser Lys Ser
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	125 130 135 140	
35	CTG AAT AAC TTC TAT CCC AGA GAG GCC AAA GTA CAG TGG AAA GTG GAT	528
	Leu Asn Asn Phe Tyr Pro Arg Glu Ala Lys Val Gln Trp Lys Val Asp	
	145 150 155	
40	AAC GCC CTC CAA TCG GGT AAC TCC CAG GAG AGT GTC ACA GAG CAG GAC	576
	Asn Ala Leu Gln Ser Gly Asn Ser Gln Glu Ser Val Thr Glu Gln Asp	
	160 165 170	
45	AGC AAG GAC AGC ACC TAC AGC CTC AGC AGC ACC CTG ACG CTG AGC AAA	624
	Ser Lys Asp Ser Thr Tyr Ser Leu Ser Ser Thr Leu Thr Leu Ser Lys	
	175 180 185	
50	GCA GAC TAC GAG AAA CAC AAA GTC TAC GCC TGC GAA GTC ACC CAT CAG	672
	Ala Asp Tyr Glu Lys His Lys Val Tyr Ala Cys Glu Val Thr His Gln	
	190 195 200	
55	GGC CTG AGC TCG CCC GTC ACA AAG AGC TTC AAC AGG GGA GAG TGT	717
	Gly Leu Ser Ser Pro Val Thr Lys Ser Phe Asn Arg Gly Glu Cys	
	205 210 215	
60	TAG	720

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 78:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 239 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 77:

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Met Arg Leu Pro Ala Gln Leu Leu Gly Leu Leu Met Leu Trp Val Pro
-20 -15 -10 -5

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Gly Ser Ser Gly Asp Val Val Met Thr Gln Ser Pro Leu Ser Leu Pro
1 5 10

Val Thr Leu Gly Gln Pro Ala Ser Ile Ser Cys Arg Ser Ser Lys Ser
15 20 25

15

Leu Val His Ser Asn Gly Asn Thr Tyr Leu His Trp Tyr Leu Gln Lys
30 35 40

Pro Gly Gln Ser Pro Lys Leu Leu Ile Tyr Lys Val Ser Asn Arg Phe
45 50 55 60

20

Ser Gly Val Pro Asp Arg Phe Ser Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Thr Asp Phe
65 70 75

Thr Leu Lys Ile Ser Arg Val Glu Ala Glu Asp Val Gly Val Tyr Tyr
80 85 90

25

Cys Ser Gln Ser Thr His Val Pro Pro Ala Phe Gly Gln Gly Thr Lys
95 100 105

Val Glu Ile Lys Arg Thr Val Ala Ala Pro Ser Val Phe Ile Phe Pro
110 115 120

30

Pro Ser Asp Glu Gln Leu Lys Ser Gly Thr Ala Ser Val Val Cys Leu
125 130 135 140

35

Leu Asn Asn Phe Tyr Pro Arg Glu Ala Lys Val Gln Trp Lys Val Asp
145 150 155

Asn Ala Leu Gln Ser Gly Asn Ser Gln Glu Ser Val Thr Glu Gln Asp
160 165 170

40

Ser Lys Asp Ser Thr Tyr Ser Leu Ser Ser Thr Leu Thr Leu Ser Lys
175 180 185

Ala Asp Tyr Glu Lys His Lys Val Tyr Ala Cys Glu Val Thr His Gln
190 195 200

45

Gly Leu Ser Ser Pro Val Thr Lys Ser Phe Asn Arg Gly Glu Cys
205 210 215

50

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 79:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 720 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: double

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

55

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: CDS

(B) LOCATION:1..717

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: mat_peptide

(B) LOCATION:61..717

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: sig_peptide

(B) LOCATION:1..60

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 79:

ATG AGG CTC CCT GCT CAG CTC CTG GGG CTG CTA ATG CTC TGG GTC CCA	48
Met Arg Leu Pro Ala Gln Leu Leu Gly Leu Leu Met Leu Trp Val Pro	
-20 -15 -10 -5	
GGA TCC AGT GGG GAT GTT GTG ATG ACT CAG TCT CCA CTC TCC CTG CCC	96
Gly Ser Ser Gly Asp Val Val Met Thr Gln Ser Pro Leu Ser Leu Pro	
1 5 10	
GTC ACC CTT GGA CAG CCG GCC TCC ATC TCC TGC AGA TCT AGT AAG AGC	144
Val Thr Leu Gly Gln Pro Ala Ser Ile Ser Cys Arg Ser Ser Lys Ser	
15 20 25	
CTT GTA CAC AGT AAT GGA AAC ACC TAT TTA CAT TGG TAC CTG CAG AAG	192
Leu Val His Ser Asn Gly Asn Thr Tyr Leu His Trp Tyr Leu Gln Lys	
30 35 40	
CCA GGC CAG TCT CCA AAG CTC CTG ATC TAC AAA GTT TCC AAC CGA TTT	240
Pro Gly Gln Ser Pro Lys Leu Leu Ile Tyr Lys Val Ser Asn Arg Phe	
45 50 55 60	
TCT GGG GTC CCA GAC AGA TTC AGC GGC AGT GGG TCA GGC ACT GAT TTC	288
Ser Gly Val Pro Asp Arg Phe Ser Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Thr Asp Phe	
65 70 75	
ACA CTG AAA ATC AGC AGG GTG GAG GCT GAG GAT GTT GGG GTT TAT TTC	336
Thr Leu Lys Ile Ser Arg Val Glu Ala Glu Asp Val Gly Val Tyr Phe	
80 85 90	
TGC TCT CAA AGT ACA CAT GTT CCT CCG GCG TTC GGC CAA GGG ACC AAG	384
Cys Ser Gln Ser Thr His Val Pro Pro Ala Phe Gly Gln Gly Thr Lys	
95 100 105	
GTG GAA ATC AAA CGT ACT GTG GCT GCA CCA TCT GTC TTC ATC TTC CCG	432
Val Glu Ile Lys Arg Thr Val Ala Ala Pro Ser Val Phe Ile Phe Pro	
110 115 120	

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CCA TCT GAT GAG CAG TTG AAA TCT GGA ACT GCC TCT GTT GTG TGC CTG 480
Pro Ser Asp Glu Gln Leu Lys Ser Gly Thr Ala Ser Val Val Cys Leu
125 130 135 140

5 CTG AAT AAC TTC TAT CCC AGA GAG GCC AAA GTA CAG TGG AAA GTG GAT 528
Leu Asn Asn Phe Tyr Pro Arg Glu Ala Lys Val Gln Trp Lys Val Asp
145 150 155

10 AAC GCC CTC CAA TCG GGT AAC TCC CAG GAG AGT GTC ACA GAG CAG GAC 576
Asn Ala Leu Gln Ser Gly Asn Ser Gln Glu Ser Val Thr Glu Gln Asp
160 165 170

15 AGC AAG GAC AGC ACC TAC AGC CTC AGC AGC ACC CTG ACG CTG AGC AAA 624
Ser Lys Asp Ser Thr Tyr Ser Leu Ser Ser Thr Leu Thr Leu Ser Lys
175 180 185

GCA GAC TAC GAG AAA CAC AAA GTC TAC GCC TGC GAA GTC ACC CAT CAG 672
Ala Asp Tyr Glu Lys His Lys Val Tyr Ala Cys Glu Val Thr His Gln
190 195 200

20 GGC CTG AGC TCG CCC GTC ACA AAG AGC TTC AAC AGG GGA GAG TGT 717
Gly Leu Ser Ser Pro Val Thr Lys Ser Phe Asn Arg Gly Glu Cys
205 210 215

25 TAG 720

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 80:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 239 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 80:

Met Arg Leu Pro Ala Gln Leu Leu Gly Leu Leu Met Leu Trp Val Pro
-20 -15 -10 -5

Gly Ser Ser Gly Asp Val Val Met Thr Gln Ser Pro Leu Ser Leu Pro
1 5 10

Val Thr Leu Gly Gln Pro Ala Ser Ile Ser Cys Arg Ser Ser Lys Ser
15 20 25

45 Leu Val His Ser Asn Gly Asn Thr Tyr Leu His Trp Tyr Leu Gln Lys
30 35 40

Pro Gly Gln Ser Pro Lys Leu Leu Ile Tyr Lys Val Ser Asn Arg Phe
45 50 55 60

50 Ser Gly Val Pro Asp Arg Phe Ser Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Thr Asp Phe
65 70 75

Thr Leu Lys Ile Ser Arg Val Glu Ala Glu Asp Val Gly Val Tyr Phe
90 85 90

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Cys Ser Gln Ser Thr His Val Pro Pro Ala Phe Gly Gln Gly Thr Lys
95 100 105

Val Glu Ile Lys Arg Thr Val Ala Ala Pro Ser Val Phe Ile Phe Pro
110 115 120

Pro Ser Asp Glu Gln Leu Lys Ser Gly Thr Ala Ser Val Val Cys Leu
125 130 135 140

Leu Asn Asn Phe Tyr Pro Arg Glu Ala Lys Val Gln Trp Lys Val Asp
145 150 155

Asn Ala Leu Gln Ser Gly Asn Ser Gln Glu Ser Val Thr Glu Gln Asp
160 165 170

Ser Lys Asp Ser Thr Tyr Ser Leu Ser Ser Thr Leu Thr Leu Ser Lys
175 180 185

Ala Asp Tyr Glu Lys His Lys Val Tyr Ala Cys Glu Val Thr His Gln
190 195 200

Gly Leu Ser Ser Pro Val Thr Lys Ser Phe Asn Arg Gly Glu Cys
205 210 215

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 81:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 720 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
- (B) LOCATION:1..717

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: mat_peptide
- (B) LOCATION:61..717

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: sig_peptide
- (B) LOCATION:1..60

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 81:

ATG AGG CTC CCT GCT CAG CTC CTG GGG CTG CTA ATG CTC TGG GTC CCA
Met Arg Leu Pro Ala Gln Leu Leu Gly Leu Leu Met Leu Trp Val Pro
-20 -15 -10 -5

48

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5	GGA TCC AGT GGG GAT GTT GTG ATG ACT CAG TCT CCA CTC TCC CTG CCC Gly Ser Ser Gly Asp Val Val Met Thr Gln Ser Pro Leu Ser Leu Pro	96
	1 5 10	
10	GTC ACC CTT GGA CAG CCG GCC TCC ATC TCC TGC AGA TCT AGT AAG AGC Val Thr Leu Gly Gln Pro Ala Ser Ile Ser Cys Arg Ser Ser Lys Ser	144
	15 20 25	
15	CTT GTA CAC AGT AAT GGA AAC ACC TAT TTA CAT TGG TAC CTG CAG AAG Leu Val His Ser Asn Gly Asn Thr Tyr Leu His Trp Tyr Leu Gln Lys	192
	30 35 40	
20	CCA GGC CAG TCT CCA AGG CTC CTG ATC TAC AAA GTT TCC AAC CGA TTT Pro Gly Gln Ser Pro Arg Leu Leu Ile Tyr Lys Val Ser Asn Arg Phe	240
	45 50 55 60	
25	TCT GGG GTC CCA GAC AGA TTC AGC GGC AGT GGG TCA GGC ACT GAT TTC Ser Gly Val Pro Asp Arg Phe Ser Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Thr Asp Phe	288
	65 70 75	
30	ACA CTG AAA ATC AGC AGG GTG GAG GCT GAG GAT GTT GGG GTT TAT TAC Thr Leu Lys Ile Ser Arg Val Glu Ala Glu Asp Val Gly Val Tyr Tyr	336
	80 85 90	
35	TGC TCT CAA AGT ACA CAT GTT CCT CCG GCG TTC GGC CAA GGG ACC AAG Cys Ser Gln Ser Thr His Val Pro Pro Ala Phe Gly Gln Gly Thr Lys	384
	95 100 105	
40	GTG GAA ATC AAA CGT ACT GTG GCT GCA CCA TCT GTC TTC ATC TTC CCG Val Glu Ile Lys Arg Thr Val Ala Ala Pro Ser Val Phe Ile Phe Pro	432
	110 115 120	
45	CCA TCT GAT GAG CAG TTG AAA TCT GGA ACT GCC TCT GTT GTG TGC CTG Pro Ser Asp Glu Gln Leu Lys Ser Gly Thr Ala Ser Val Val Cys Leu	480
	125 130 135 140	
50	CTG AAT AAC TTC TAT CCC AGA GAG GCC AAA GTA CAG TGG AAA GTG GAT Leu Asn Asn Phe Tyr Pro Arg Glu Ala Lys Val Gln Trp Lys Val Asp	528
	145 150 155	
55	AAC GCC CTC CAA TCG GGT AAC TCC CAG GAG AGT GTC ACA GAG CAG GAC Asn Ala Leu Gln Ser Gly Asn Ser Gln Glu Ser Val Thr Glu Gln Asp	576
	160 165 170	
60	AGC AAG GAC AGC ACC TAC AGC CTC AGC AGC ACC CTG ACG CTG AGC AAA Ser Lys Asp Ser Thr Tyr Ser Leu Ser Ser Thr Leu Thr Leu Ser Lys	624
	175 180 185	
65	GCA GAC TAC GAG AAA CAC AAA GTC TAC GCC TGC GAA GTC ACC CAT CAG Ala Asp Tyr Glu Lys His Lys Val Tyr Ala Cys Glu Val Thr His Gln	672
	190 195 200	
70	GGC CTG AGC TCG CCC GTC ACA AAG AGC TTC AAC AGG GGA GAG TGT Gly Leu Ser Ser Pro Val Thr Lys Ser Phe Asn Arg Gly Glu Cys	717
	205 210 215	
75	TAG	720

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 82:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 239 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 82:

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Met Arg Leu Pro Ala Gln Leu Leu Gly Leu Leu Met Leu Trp Val Pro
-20          -15          -10          -5

Gly Ser Ser Gly Asp Val Val Met Thr Gln Ser Pro Leu Ser Leu Pro
          1              5              10

Val Thr Leu Gly Gln Pro Ala Ser Ile Ser Cys Arg Ser Ser Lys Ser
          15              20              25

Leu Val His Ser Asn Gly Asn Thr Tyr Leu His Trp Tyr Leu Gln Lys
          30              35              40

Pro Gly Gln Ser Pro Arg Leu Leu Ile Tyr Lys Val Ser Asn Arg Phe
          45              50              55              60

Ser Gly Val Pro Asp Arg Phe Ser Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Thr Asp Phe
          65              70              75

Thr Leu Lys Ile Ser Arg Val Glu Ala Glu Asp Val Gly Val Tyr Tyr
          80              85              90

Cys Ser Gln Ser Thr His Val Pro Pro Ala Phe Gly Gln Gly Thr Lys
          95              100             105

Val Glu Ile Lys Arg Thr Val Ala Ala Pro Ser Val Phe Ile Phe Pro
          110             115             120

Pro Ser Asp Glu Gln Leu Lys Ser Gly Thr Ala Ser Val Val Cys Leu
          125             130             135             140

Leu Asn Asn Phe Tyr Pro Arg Glu Ala Lys Val Gln Trp Lys Val Asp
          145             150             155

Asn Ala Leu Gln Ser Gly Asn Ser Gln Glu Ser Val Thr Glu Gln Asp
          160             165             170

Ser Lys Asp Ser Thr Tyr Ser Leu Ser Ser Thr Leu Thr Leu Ser Lys
          175             180             185

Ala Asp Tyr Glu Lys His Lys Val Tyr Ala Cys Glu Val Thr His Gln
          190             195             200

Gly Leu Ser Ser Pro Val Thr Lys Ser Phe Asn Arg Gly Glu Cys
          205             210             215

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 83:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 720 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION:1..717

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: mat_peptide
 (B) LOCATION:61..717

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: sig_peptide
 (B) LOCATION:1..60

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 83:

30	ATG AGG CTC CCT GCT CAG CTC CTG GGG CTG CTA ATG CTC TGG GTC CCA	48
	Met Arg Leu Pro Ala Gln Leu Leu Gly Leu Leu Met Leu Trp Val Pro	
	-20 -15 -10 -5	
35	GGA TCC AGT GGG GAT GTT GTG ATG ACT CAG TCT CCA CTC TCC CTG CCC	96
	Gly Ser Ser Gly Asp Val Val Met Thr Gln Ser Pro Leu Ser Leu Pro	
	1 5 10	
40	GTC ACC CTT GGA CAG CCG GCC TCC ATC TCC TGC AGA TCT AGT AAG AGC	144
	Val Thr Leu Gly Gln Pro Ala Ser Ile Ser Cys Arg Ser Ser Lys Ser	
	15 20 25	
45	CTT GTA CAC AGT AAT GGA AAC ACC TAT TTA CAT TGG TAC CTG CAG AAG	192
	Leu Val His Ser Asn Gly Asn Thr Tyr Leu His Trp Tyr Leu Gln Lys	
	30 35 40	
50	CCA GGC CAG TCT CCA AGG CTC CTG ATC TAC AAA GTT TCC AAC CGA TTT	240
	Pro Gly Gln Ser Pro Arg Leu Leu Ile Tyr Lys Val Ser Asn Arg Phe	
	45 50 55 60	
55	TCT GGG GTC CCA GAC AGA TTC AGC GGC AGT GGG TCA GGC ACT GAT TTC	288
	Ser Gly Val Pro Asp Arg Phe Ser Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Thr Asp Phe	
	65 70 75	
60	ACA CTG AAA ATC AGC AGG GTG GAG GCT GAG GAT GTT GGG GTT TAT TTC	336
	Thr Leu Lys Ile Ser Arg Val Glu Ala Glu Asp Val Gly Val Tyr Phe	
	80 85 90	

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5 TGC TCT CAA AGT ACA CAT GTT CCT CCG GCG TTC GGC CAA GGG ACC AAG 384
Cys Ser Gln Ser Thr His Val Pro Pro Ala Phe Gly Gln Gly Thr Lys
95 100 105

10 GTG GAA ATC AAA CGT ACT GTG GCT GCA CCA TCT GTC TTC ATC TTC CCG 432
Val Glu Ile Lys Arg Thr Val Ala Ala Pro Ser Val Phe Ile Phe Pro
110 115 120

15 CCA TCT GAT GAG CAG TTG AAA TCT GGA ACT GCC TCT GTT GTG TGC CTG 480
Pro Ser Asp Glu Gln Leu Lys Ser Gly Thr Ala Ser Val Val Cys Leu
125 130 135 140

20 CTG AAT AAC TTC TAT CCC AGA GAG GCC AAA GTA CAG TGG AAG GTG GAT 528
Leu Asn Asn Phe Tyr Pro Arg Glu Ala Lys Val Gln Trp Lys Val Asp
145 150 155

25 AAC GCC CTC CAA TCG GGT AAC TCC CAG GAG AGT GTC ACA GAG CAG GAC 576
Asn Ala Leu Gln Ser Gly Asn Ser Gln Glu Ser Val Thr Glu Gln Asp
160 165 170

30 AGC AAG GAC AGC ACC TAC AGC CTC AGC AGC ACC CTG ACG CTG AGC AAA 624
Ser Lys Asp Ser Thr Tyr Ser Leu Ser Ser Thr Leu Thr Leu Ser Lys
175 180 185

35 GCA GAC TAC GAG AAA CAC AAA GTC TAC GCC TGC GAA GTC ACC CAT CAG 672
Ala Asp Tyr Glu Lys His Lys Val Tyr Ala Cys Glu Val Thr His Gln
190 195 200

40 GGC CTG AGC TCG CCC GTC ACA AAG AGC TTC AAC AGG GGA GAG TGT 717
Gly Leu Ser Ser Pro Val Thr Lys Ser Phe Asn Arg Gly Glu Cys
205 210 215

45 TAG 720

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 84:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 239 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 84:

Met Arg Leu Pro Ala Gln Leu Leu Gly Leu Leu Met Leu Trp Val Pro
-20 -15 -10 -5

Gly Ser Ser Gly Asp Val Val Met Thr Gln Ser Pro Leu Ser Leu Pro
1 5 10

Val Thr Leu Gly Gln Pro Ala Ser Ile Ser Cys Arg Ser Ser Lys Ser
15 20 25

Leu Val His Ser Asn Gly Asn Thr Tyr Leu His Trp Tyr Leu Gln Lys
30 35 40

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Pro Gly Gln Ser Pro Arg Leu Leu Ile Tyr Lys Val Ser Asn Arg Phe
 45 50 55 60

5 Ser Gly Val Pro Asp Arg Phe Ser Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Thr Asp Phe
 65 70 75

Thr Leu Lys Ile Ser Arg Val Glu Ala Glu Asp Val Gly Val Tyr Phe
 80 85 90

10 Cys Ser Gln Ser Thr His Val Pro Pro Ala Phe Gly Gln Gly Thr Lys
 95 100 105

Val Glu Ile Lys Arg Thr Val Ala Ala Pro Ser Val Phe Ile Phe Pro
 110 115 120

15 Pro Ser Asp Glu Gln Leu Lys Ser Gly Thr Ala Ser Val Val Cys Leu
 125 130 135 140

20 Leu Asn Asn Phe Tyr Pro Arg Glu Ala Lys Val Gln Trp Lys Val Asp
 145 150 155

Asn Ala Leu Gln Ser Gly Asn Ser Gln Glu Ser Val Thr Glu Gln Asp
 160 165 170

25 Ser Lys Asp Ser Thr Tyr Ser Leu Ser Ser Thr Leu Thr Leu Ser Lys
 175 180 185

Ala Asp Tyr Glu Lys His Lys Val Tyr Ala Cys Glu Val Thr His Gln
 190 195 200

30 Gly Leu Ser Ser Pro Val Thr Lys Ser Phe Asn Arg Gly Glu Cys
 205 210 215

35 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 85:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 1768 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..1764

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: mat_peptide
 (B) LOCATION: 58..1764

(ix) FEATURE:

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(A) NAME/KEY: sig_peptide
(B) LOCATION:1..57

5	(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 85:	
	ATG GGA TGG AGC TGG ATC TTT CTC TTC CTC CTG TCA GGA ACT GCA GGC Met Gly Trp Ser Trp Ile Phe Leu Phe Leu Leu Ser Gly Thr Ala Gly -19 -15 -10 -5	48
10	GTC CAC TCT GAG GTG CAG CTT GTG CAG TCT GGG GCT GAG GTG AAG AAG Val His Ser Glu Val Gln Leu Val Gln Ser Gly Ala Glu Val Lys Lys 1 5 10	96
15	CCT GGG GCC TCA GTG AAG GTT TCC TGC AAG GCT TCT GGA TAC ACC TTC Pro Gly Ala Ser Val Lys Val Ser Cys Lys Ala Ser Gly Tyr Thr Phe 15 20 25	144
20	ACT GAC TAT AAT ATG CAT TGG GTG CGC CAG GCC CCC GGA CAA GGA CTC Thr Asp Tyr Asn Met His Trp Val Arg Gln Ala Pro Gly Gln Gly Leu 30 35 40 45	192
25	GAA TGG ATG GGA TAT ATT TAT CCT TAC AAT GGT GGT ACT GGC TAC AAC Glu Trp Met Gly Tyr Ile Tyr Pro Tyr Asn Gly Gly Thr Gly Tyr Asn 50 55 60	240
	CAG AAG TTC AAG AGC AAG GCC ACA TTG ACT GTT GAC AAT TCC GCG AGC Gln Lys Phe Lys Ser Lys Ala Thr Leu Thr Val Asp Asn Ser Ala Ser 65 70 75	288
30	ACA GCC TAC ATG GAG CTG AGC AGC CTG AGA TCT GAA GAC ACG GCT GTG Thr Ala Tyr Met Glu Leu Ser Ser Leu Arg Ser Glu Asp Thr Ala Val 80 85 90	336
35	TAT TAC TGT GCG AGA AGT TAC TAT GCT ATG GAC TAC TGG GGC CAG GGA Tyr Tyr Cys Ala Arg Ser Tyr Tyr Ala Met Asp Tyr Trp Gly Gln Gly 95 100 105	384
40	ACC CTG GTC ACC GTC TCC TCA GGG AGT GCA TCC GCC CCA ACC CTT TTC Thr Leu Val Thr Val Ser Ser Gly Ser Ala Ser Ala Pro Thr Leu Phe 110 115 120 125	432
	CCC CTC GTC TCC TGT GAG AAT TCC CCG TCG GAT ACG AGC AGC GTG GCC Pro Leu Val Ser Cys Glu Asn Ser Pro Ser Asp Thr Ser Ser Val Ala 130 135 140	480
45	GTT GGC TGC CTC GCA CAG GAC TTC CTT CCC GAC TCC ATC ACT TTC TCC Val Gly Cys Leu Ala Gln Asp Phe Leu Pro Asp Ser Ile Thr Phe Ser 145 150 155	528
50	TGG AAA TAC AAG AAC AAC TCT GAC ATC AGC AGT ACC CGG GGC TTC CCA Trp Lys Tyr Lys Asn Asn Ser Asp Ile Ser Ser Thr Arg Gly Phe Pro 160 165 170	576
55	TCA GTC CTG AGA GGG GGC AAG TAC GCA GCC ACC TCA CAG GTG CTG CTG Ser Val Leu Arg Gly Gly Lys Tyr Ala Ala Thr Ser Gln Val Leu Leu 175 180 185	624

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5	CCT TCC AAG GAC GTC ATG CAG GGC ACA GAC GAA CAC GTG GTG TGC AAA Pro Ser Lys Asp Val Met Gln Gly Thr Asp Glu His Val Val Cys Lys 190 195 200 205	672
	GTC CAG CAC CCC AAC GGC AAC AAA GAA AAG AAC GTG CCT CTT CCA GTG Val Gln His Pro Asn Gly Asn Lys Glu Lys Asn Val Pro Leu Pro Val 210 215 220	720
10	ATT GCC GAG CTG CCT CCC AAA GTG AGC GTC TTC GTC CCA CCC CGC GAC Ile Ala Glu Leu Pro Pro Lys Val Ser Val Phe Val Pro Pro Arg Asp 225 230 235	768
15	GGC TTC TTC GGC AAC CCC CGC AAG TCC AAG CTC ATC TGC CAG GCC ACG Gly Phe Phe Gly Asn Pro Arg Lys Ser Lys Leu Ile Cys Gln Ala Thr 240 245 250	816
20	GGT TTC AGT CCC CGG CAG ATT CAG GTG TCC TGG CTG CGC GAG GGG AAG Gly Phe Ser Pro Arg Gln Ile Gln Val Ser Trp Leu Arg Glu Gly Lys 255 260 265	864
25	CAG GTG GGG TCT GGC GTC ACC ACG GAC CAG GTG CAG GCT GAG GCC AAA Gln Val Gly Ser Gly Val Thr Thr Asp Gln Val Gln Ala Glu Ala Lys 270 275 280 285	912
	GAG TCT GGG CCC ACG ACC TAC AAG GTG ACC AGC ACA CTG ACC ATC AAA Glu Ser Gly Pro Thr Thr Tyr Lys Val Thr Ser Thr Leu Thr Ile Lys 290 295 300	960
30	GAG AGC GAC TGG CTC AGC CAG AGC ATG TTC ACC TGC CGC GTG GAT CAC Glu Ser Asp Trp Leu Ser Gln Ser Met Phe Thr Cys Arg Val Asp His 305 310 315	1008
35	AGG GGC CTG ACC TTC CAG CAG AAT GCG TCC TCC ATG TGT GTC CCC GAT Arg Gly Leu Thr Phe Gln Gln Asn Ala Ser Ser Met Cys Val Pro Asp 320 325 330	1056
	CAA GAC ACA GCC ATC CGG GTC TTC GCC ATC CCC CCA TCC TTT GCC AGC Gln Asp Thr Ala Ile Arg Val Phe Ala Ile Pro Pro Ser Phe Ala Ser 335 340 345	1104
40	ATC TTC CTC ACC AAG TCC ACC AAG TTG ACC TGC CTG GTC ACA GAC CTG Ile Phe Leu Thr Lys Ser Thr Lys Leu Thr Cys Leu Val Thr Asp Leu 350 355 360 365	1152
45	ACC ACC TAT GAC AGC GTG ACC ATC TCC TGG ACC CGC CAG AAT GGC GAA Thr Thr Tyr Asp Ser Val Thr Ile Ser Trp Thr Arg Gln Asn Gly Glu 370 375 380	1200
50	GCT GTG AAA ACC CAC ACC AAC ATC TCC GAG AGC CAC CCC AAT GGC ACT Ala Val Lys Thr His Thr Asn Ile Ser Glu Ser His Pro Asn Ala Thr 385 390 395	1248
55	TTC AGC GCC GTG GGT GAG GCC AGC ATC TGC GAG GAT GAC TGG AAT TCC Phe Ser Ala Val Gly Glu Ala Ser Ile Cys Glu Asp Asp Trp Asn Ser 400 405 410	1296

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Gly Glu Arg Phe Thr Cys Thr Val Thr His Thr Asp Leu Pro Ser Pro
415 420 425

CTG AAG CAG ACC ATC TCC CGG CCC AAG GGG GTG GCC CTG CAC AGG CCC 1392
Leu Lys Gln Thr Ile Ser Arg Pro Lys Gly Val Ala Leu His Arg Pro
430 435 440 445

10 GAT GTC TAC TTG CTG CCA CCA GCC CGG GAG CAG CTG AAC CTG CGG GAG 1440
Asp Val Tyr Leu Leu Pro Pro Ala Arg Glu Gln Leu Asn Leu Arg Glu
450 455 460

15 TCG GCC ACC ATC ACG TGC CTG GTG ACG GGC TTC TCT CCC GCG GAC GTC 1488
Ser Ala Thr Ile Thr Cys Leu Val Thr Gly Phe Ser Pro Ala Asp Val
465 470 475

TTC GTG CAG TGG ATG CAG AGG GGG CAG CCC TTG TCC CCG GAG AAG TAT 1536
Phe Val Gln Trp Met Gln Arg Gly Gln Pro Leu Ser Pro Glu Lys Tyr
480 485 490

20 GTG ACC AGC GCC CCA ATG CCT GAG CCC CAG GCC CCA GGC CGG TAC TTC 1584
Val Thr Ser Ala Pro Met Pro Glu Pro Gln Ala Pro Gly Arg Tyr Phe
495 500 505

25 GCC CAC AGC ATC CTG ACC GTG TCC GAA GAG GAA TGG AAC ACG GGG GAG 1632
Ala His Ser Ile Leu Thr Val Ser Glu Glu Trp Asn Thr Gly Glu
510 515 520 525

30 ACC TAC ATC TGC GTG GTG GCC CAT GAG GCC CTG CCC AAC AGG GTC ACC 1680
Thr Tyr Ile Cys Val Val Ala His Glu Ala Leu Pro Asn Arg Val Thr
530 535 540

GAG AGG ACC GTG GAC AAG TCC ACC GGT AAA CCC ACC CTG TAC AAC GTG 1728
Glu Arg Thr Val Asp Lys Ser Thr Gly Lys Pro Thr Leu Tyr Asn Val
545 550 555

35 TCC CTG GTC ATG TCC GAC ACA GCT GGC ACC TGC TAC TGA 1767
Ser Leu Val Met Ser Asp Thr Ala Gly Thr Cys Tyr
560 565

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 86:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 588 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 86:

Met Gly Trp Ser Trp Ile Phe Leu Phe Leu Leu Ser Gly Thr Ala Gly
-19 -15 -10 -5

Val His Ser Glu Val Gln Leu Val Gln Ser Gly Ala Glu Val Lys Lys
1 5 10

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	Pro Gly Ala Ser Val Lys Val Ser Cys Lys Ala Ser Gly Tyr Thr Phe	
	15	20 25
5	Thr Asp Tyr Asn Met His Trp Val Arg Gln Ala Pro Gly Gln Gly Leu	
	30	35 40 45
	Glu Trp Met Gly Tyr Ile Tyr Pro Tyr Asn Gly Gly Thr Gly Tyr Asn	
		50 55 60
10	Gln Lys Phe Lys Ser Lys Ala Thr Leu Thr Val Asp Asn Ser Ala Ser	
		65 70 75
	Thr Ala Tyr Met Glu Leu Ser Ser Leu Arg Ser Glu Asp Thr Ala Val	
		80 85 90
15	Tyr Tyr Cys Ala Arg Ser Tyr Tyr Ala Met Asp Tyr Trp Gly Gln Gly	
		95 100 105
	Thr Leu Val Thr Val Ser Ser Gly Ser Ala Ser Ala Pro Thr Leu Phe	
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25	Val Gly Cys Leu Ala Gln Asp Phe Leu Pro Asp Ser Ile Thr Phe Ser	
		145 150 155
	Trp Lys Tyr Lys Asn Asn Ser Asp Ile Ser Ser Thr Arg Gly Phe Pro	
		160 165 170
30	Ser Val Leu Arg Gly Gly Lys Tyr Ala Ala Thr Ser Gln Val Leu Leu	
		175 180 185
	Pro Ser Lys Asp Val Met Gln Gly Thr Asp Glu His Val Val Cys Lys	
		190 195 200 205
35	Val Gln His Pro Asn Gly Asn Lys Glu Lys Asn Val Pro Leu Pro Val	
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	Ile Ala Glu Leu Pro Pro Lys Val Ser Val Phe Val Pro Pro Arg Asp	
40		225 230 235
	Gly Phe Phe Gly Asn Pro Arg Lys Ser Lys Leu Ile Cys Gln Ala Thr	
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	Gln Val Gly Ser Gly Val Thr Thr Asp Gln Val Gln Ala Glu Ala Lys	
		270 275 280 285
50	Glu Ser Gly Pro Thr Thr Tyr Lys Val Thr Ser Thr Leu Thr Ile Lys	
		290 295 300
	Glu Ser Asp Trp Leu Ser Gln Ser Met Phe Thr Cys Arg Val Asp His	
		305 310 315
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Arg Gly Leu Thr Phe Gln Gln Asn Ala Ser Ser Met Cys Val Pro Asp
 320 325 330

5 Gln Asp Thr Ala Ile Arg Val Phe Ala Ile Pro Pro Ser Phe Ala Ser
 335 340 345

Ile Phe Leu Thr Lys Ser Thr Lys Leu Thr Cys Leu Val Thr Asp Leu
 350 355 360 365

10 Thr Thr Tyr Asp Ser Val Thr Ile Ser Trp Thr Arg Gln Asn Gly Glu
 370 375 380

Ala Val Lys Thr His Thr Asn Ile Ser Glu Ser His Pro Asn Ala Thr
 385 390 395

15 Phe Ser Ala Val Gly Glu Ala Ser Ile Cys Glu Asp Asp Trp Asn Ser
 400 405 410

Gly Glu Arg Phe Thr Cys Thr Val Thr His Thr Asp Leu Pro Ser Pro
 415 420 425

20 Leu Lys Gln Thr Ile Ser Arg Pro Lys Gly Val Ala Leu His Arg Pro
 430 435 440 445

25 Asp Val Tyr Leu Leu Pro Pro Ala Arg Glu Gln Leu Asn Leu Arg Glu
 450 455 460

Ser Ala Thr Ile Thr Cys Leu Val Thr Gly Phe Ser Pro Ala Asp Val
 465 470 475

30 Phe Val Gln Trp Met Gln Arg Gly Gln Pro Leu Ser Pro Glu Lys Tyr
 480 485 490

Val Thr Ser Ala Pro Met Pro Glu Pro Gln Ala Pro Gly Arg Tyr Phe
 495 500 505

35 Ala His Ser Ile Leu Thr Val Ser Glu Glu Glu Trp Asn Thr Gly Glu
 510 515 520 525

Thr Tyr Ile Cys Val Val Ala His Glu Ala Leu Pro Asn Arg Val Thr
 530 535 540

40 Glu Arg Thr Val Asp Lys Ser Thr Gly Lys Pro Thr Leu Tyr Asn Val
 545 550 555

45 Ser Leu Val Met Ser Asp Thr Ala Gly Thr Cys Tyr
 560 565

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 87:

- 50 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 1768 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- 55 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION:1..1764

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: mat_peptide
(B) LOCATION:58..1764

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: sig_peptide
(B) LOCATION:1..57

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 87:

20	ATG GGA TGG AGC TGG ATC TTT CTC TTC CTC CTG TCA GGA ACT GCA GGC	48
	Met Gly Trp Ser Trp Ile Phe Leu Phe Leu Leu Ser Gly Thr Ala Gly	
	-19 -15 -10 -5	
25	GTC CAC TCT GAG GTG CAG CTT GTG CAG TCT GGG GCT GAG GTG AAG AAG	96
	Val His Ser Glu Val Gln Leu Val Gln Ser Gly Ala Glu Val Lys Lys	
	1 5 10	
30	CCT GGG GCC TCA GTG AAG GTT TCC TGC AAG GCT TCT GGA TAC ACC TTC	144
	Pro Gly Ala Ser Val Lys Val Ser Cys Lys Ala Ser Gly Tyr Thr Phe	
	15 20 25	
35	ACT GAC TAT AAT ATG CAT TGG GTG AAG CAG GCC CAT GGA AAG AGC CTC	192
	Thr Asp Tyr Asn Met His Trp Val Lys Gln Ala His Gly Lys Ser Leu	
	30 35 40 45	
40	GAA TGG ATG GGA TAT ATT TAT CCT TAC AAT GGT GGT ACT GGC TAC AAC	240
	Glu Trp Met Gly Tyr Ile Tyr Pro Tyr Asn Gly Gly Thr Gly Tyr Asn	
	50 55 60	
45	CAG AAG TTC AAG AGC AAG GCC ACA TTG ACT GTT GAC AAT TCC GCG AGC	288
	Gln Lys Phe Lys Ser Lys Ala Thr Leu Thr Val Asp Asn Ser Ala Ser	
	65 70 75	
50	ACA GCC TAC ATG GAG CTG AGC AGC CTG AGA TCT GAA GAC ACG GCT GTG	336
	Thr Ala Tyr Met Glu Leu Ser Ser Leu Arg Ser Glu Asp Thr Ala Val	
	80 85 90	
55	TAT TAC TGT GCG AGA AGT TAC TAT GCT ATG GAC TAC TGG GGC CAG GGA	384
	Tyr Tyr Cys Ala Arg Ser Tyr Tyr Ala Met Asp Tyr Trp Gly Gln Gly	
	95 100 105	
60	ACC CTG GTC ACC GTC TCC TCA GGG AGT GCA TCC GCC CCA ACC CTT TTC	432
	Thr Leu Val Thr Val Ser Ser Gly Ser Ala Ser Ala Pro Thr Leu Phe	
	110 115 120 125	

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	CCC CTC GTC TCC TGT GAG AAT TCC CCG TCG GAT ACG AGC AGC GTG GCC	480
	Pro Leu Val Ser Cys Glu Asn Ser Pro Ser Asp Thr Ser Ser Val Ala	
	130 135 140	
5	GTT GGC TGC CTC GCA CAG GAC TTC CTT CCC GAC TCC ATC ACT TTC TCC	528
	Val Gly Cys Leu Ala Gln Asp Phe Leu Pro Asp Ser Ile Thr Phe Ser	
	145 150 155	
10	TGG AAA TAC AAG AAC AAC TCT GAC ATC AGC AGT ACC CGG GGC TTC CCA	576
	Trp Lys Tyr Lys Asn Asn Ser Asp Ile Ser Ser Thr Arg Gly Phe Pro	
	160 165 170	
15	TCA GTC CTG AGA GGG GGC AAG TAC GCA GCC ACC TCA CAG GTG CTG CTG	624
	Ser Val Leu Arg Gly Gly Lys Tyr Ala Ala Thr Ser Gln Val Leu Leu	
	175 180 185	
20	CCT TCC AAG GAC GTC ATG CAG GGC ACA GAC GAA CAC GTG GTG TGC AAA	672
	Pro Ser Lys Asp Val Met Gln Gly Thr Asp Glu His Val Val Cys Lys	
	190 195 200 205	
25	GTC CAG CAC CCC AAC GGC AAC AAA GAA AAG AAC GTG CCT CTT CCA GTG	720
	Val Gln His Pro Asn Gly Asn Lys Glu Lys Asn Val Pro Leu Pro Val	
	210 215 220	
30	ATT GCC GAG CTG CCT CCC AAA GTG AGC GTC TTC GTC CCA CCC CGC GAC	768
	Ile Ala Glu Leu Pro Pro Lys Val Ser Val Phe Val Pro Pro Arg Asp	
	225 230 235	
35	GGC TTC TTC GGC AAC CCC CGC AAG TCC AAG CTC ATC TGC CAG GCC ACG	816
	Gly Phe Phe Gly Asn Pro Arg Lys Ser Lys Leu Ile Cys Gln Ala Thr	
	240 245 250	
40	GGT TTC AGT CCC CGG CAG ATT CAG GTG TCC TGG CTG CGC GAG GGG AAG	864
	Gly Phe Ser Pro Arg Gln Ile Gln Val Ser Trp Leu Arg Glu Gly Lys	
	255 260 265	
45	CAG GTG GGG TCT GGC GTC ACC ACG GAC CAG GTG CAG GCT GAG GCC AAA	912
	Gln Val Gly Ser Gly Val Thr Thr Asp Gln Val Gln Ala Glu Ala Lys	
	270 275 280 285	
50	GAG TCT GGG CCC ACG ACC TAC AAG GTG ACC AGC ACA CTG ACC ATC AAA	960
	Glu Ser Gly Pro Thr Thr Tyr Lys Val Thr Ser Thr Leu Thr Ile Lys	
	290 295 300	
55	GAG AGC GAC TGG CTC AGC CAG AGC ATG TTC ACC TGC CGC GTG GAT CAC	1008
	Glu Ser Asp Trp Leu Ser Gln Ser Met Phe Thr Cys Arg Val Asp His	
	305 310 315	
60	AGG GGC CTG ACC TTC CAG CAG AAT GCG TCC TCC ATG TGT GTC CCC GAT	1056
	Arg Gly Leu Thr Phe Gln Gln Asn Ala Ser Ser Met Cys Val Pro Asp	
	320 325 330	
65	CAA GAC ACA GCC ATC CGG GTC TTC GCC ATC CCC CCA TCC TTT GCC AGC	1104
	Gln Asp Thr Ala Ile Arg Val Phe Ala Ile Pro Pro Ser Phe Ala Ser	
	335 340 345	

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	ATC TTC CTC ACC AAG TCC ACC AAG TTG ACC TGC CTG GTC ACA GAC CTG	1152
	Ile Phe Leu Thr Lys Ser Thr Lys Leu Thr Cys Leu Val Thr Asp Leu	
	350 355 360 365	
5	ACC ACC TAT GAC AGC GTG ACC ATC TCC TGG ACC CGC CAG AAT GGC GAA	1200
	Thr Thr Tyr Asp Ser Val Thr Ile Ser Trp Thr Arg Gln Asn Gly Glu	
	370 375 380	
10	GCT GTG AAA ACC CAC ACC AAC ATC TCC GAG AGC CAC CCC AAT GCC ACT	1248
	Ala Val Lys Thr His Thr Asn Ile Ser Glu Ser His Pro Asn Ala Thr	
	385 390 395	
15	TTC AGC GCC GTG GGT GAG GCC AGC ATC TGC GAG GAT GAC TGG AAT TCC	1296
	Phe Ser Ala Val Gly Glu Ala Ser Ile Cys Glu Asp Asp Trp Asn Ser	
	400 405 410	
20	GGG GAG AGG TTC ACG TGC ACC GTG ACC CAC ACA GAC CTG CCC TCG CCA	1344
	Gly Glu Arg Phe Thr Cys Thr Val Thr His Thr Asp Leu Pro Ser Pro	
	415 420 425	
25	CTG AAG CAG ACC ATC TCC CGG CCC AAG GGG GTG GCC CTG CAC AGG CCC	1392
	Leu Lys Gln Thr Ile Ser Arg Pro Lys Gly Val Ala Leu His Arg Pro	
	430 435 440 445	
30	GAT GTC TAC TTG CTG CCA CCA GCC CGG GAG CAG CTG AAC CTG CGG GAG	1440
	Asp Val Tyr Leu Leu Pro Pro Ala Arg Glu Gln Leu Asn Leu Arg Glu	
	450 455 460	
35	TCG GCC ACC ATC ACG TGC CTG GTG ACG GGC TTC TCT CCC GCG GAC GTC	1488
	Ser Ala Thr Ile Thr Cys Leu Val Thr Gly Phe Ser Pro Ala Asp Val	
	465 470 475	
40	TTC GTG CAG TGG ATG CAG AGG GGG CAG CCC TTG TCC CCG GAG AAG TAT	1536
	Phe Val Gln Trp Met Gln Arg Gly Gln Pro Leu Ser Pro Glu Lys Tyr	
	480 485 490	
45	GTG ACC AGC GCC CCA ATG CCT GAG CCC CAG GCC CCA GGC CGG TAC TTC	1584
	Val Thr Ser Ala Pro Met Pro Glu Pro Gln Ala Pro Gly Arg Tyr Phe	
	495 500 505	
50	GCC CAC AGC ATC CTG ACC GTG TCC GAA GAG GAA TGG AAC ACG GGG GAG	1632
	Ala His Ser Ile Leu Thr Val Ser Glu Glu Glu Trp Asn Thr Gly Glu	
	510 515 520 525	
55	ACC TAC ATC TGC GTG GTG GCC CAT GAG GCC CTG CCC AAC AGG GTC ACC	1680
	Thr Tyr Ile Cys Val Val Ala His Glu Ala Leu Pro Asn Arg Val Thr	
	530 535 540	
60	GAG AGG ACC GTG GAC AAG TCC ACC GGT AAA CCC ACC CTG TAC AAC GTG	1728
	Glu Arg Thr Val Asp Lys Ser Thr Gly Lys Pro Thr Leu Tyr Asn Val	
	545 550 555	
65	TCC CTG GTC ATG TCC GAC ACA GCT GGC ACC TGC TAC TGAT	1768
	Ser Leu Val Met Ser Asp Thr Ala Gly Thr Cys Tyr	
	560 565	

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 88:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 588 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 88:

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Met Gly Trp Ser Trp Ile Phe Leu Phe Leu Leu Ser Gly Thr Ala Gly
-19          -15          -10          -5

Val His Ser Glu Val Gln Leu Val Gln Ser Gly Ala Glu Val Lys Lys
      1              5              10

Pro Gly Ala Ser Val Lys Val Ser Cys Lys Ala Ser Gly Tyr Thr Phe
    15          20          25

Thr Asp Tyr Asn Met His Trp Val Lys Gln Ala His Gly Lys Ser Leu
    30          35          40          45

Glu Trp Met Gly Tyr Ile Tyr Pro Tyr Asn Gly Gly Thr Gly Tyr Asn
      50          55          60

Gln Lys Phe Lys Ser Lys Ala Thr Leu Thr Val Asp Asn Ser Ala Ser
    65          70          75

Thr Ala Tyr Met Glu Leu Ser Ser Leu Arg Ser Glu Asp Thr Ala Val
    80          85          90

Tyr Tyr Cys Ala Arg Ser Tyr Tyr Ala Met Asp Tyr Trp Gly Gln Gly
    95          100          105

Thr Leu Val Thr Val Ser Ser Gly Ser Ala Ser Ala Pro Thr Leu Phe
   110          115          120          125

Pro Leu Val Ser Cys Glu Asn Ser Pro Ser Asp Thr Ser Ser Val Ala
    130          135          140

Val Gly Cys Leu Ala Gln Asp Phe Leu Pro Asp Ser Ile Thr Phe Ser
    145          150          155

Trp Lys Tyr Lys Asn Asn Ser Asp Ile Ser Ser Thr Arg Gly Phe Pro
    160          165          170

Ser Val Leu Arg Gly Gly Lys Tyr Ala Ala Thr Ser Gln Val Leu Leu
    175          180          185

Pro Ser Lys Asp Val Met Gln Gly Thr Asp Glu His Val Val Cys Lys
   190          195          200          205

Val Gln His Pro Asn Gly Asn Lys Glu Lys Asn Val Pro Leu Pro Val
    210          215          220

Ile Ala Glu Leu Pro Pro Lys Val Ser Val Phe Val Pro Pro Arg Asp
    225          230          235

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	Gly	Phe	Phe	Gly	Asn	Pro	Arg	Lys	Ser	Lys	Leu	Ile	Cys	Gln	Ala	Thr	
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		255					260					265					
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10	Glu	Ser	Gly	Pro	Thr	Thr	Tyr	Lys	Val	Thr	Ser	Thr	Leu	Thr	Ile	Lys	
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	350				355						360					365	
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				370						375					380		
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			385					390					395				
30	Phe	Ser	Ala	Val	Gly	Glu	Ala	Ser	Ile	Cys	Glu	Asp	Asp	Trp	Asn	Ser	
		400					405						410				
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	Leu	Lys	Gln	Thr	Ile	Ser	Arg	Pro	Lys	Gly	Val	Ala	Leu	His	Arg	Pro	
	430				435					440					445		
40	Asp	Val	Tyr	Leu	Leu	Pro	Pro	Ala	Arg	Glu	Gln	Leu	Asn	Leu	Arg	Glu	
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Glu Arg Thr Val Asp Lys Ser Thr Gly Lys Pro Thr Leu Tyr Asn Val
545 550 555

Ser Leu Val Met Ser Asp Thr Ala Gly Thr Cys Tyr
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 89:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 116 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 89:

Glu Val Gln Leu Gln Gln Ser Gly Pro Glu Leu Val Lys Pro Gly Ala
1 5 10 15

Ser Val Lys Ile Ser Cys Lys Ala Ser Gly Tyr Thr Phe Thr Asp Tyr
20 25 30

Asn Met His Trp Val Lys Gln Ser His Gly Lys Ser Leu Glu Trp Ile
35 40 45

Gly Tyr Ile Tyr Pro Tyr Asn Gly Gly Thr Gly Tyr Asn Gln Lys Phe
50 55 60

Lys Ser Lys Ala Thr Leu Thr Val Asp Asn Ser Ser Ser Thr Ala Tyr
65 70 75 80

Met Glu Leu Arg Ser Leu Thr Ser Glu Asp Ser Ala Val Tyr Tyr Cys
85 90 95

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Thr Val Ser Ser
115

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 90:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 34 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 90:

GGGAATTCAT GGACTGGACC TGGAGGWTCC TYTT

34

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 91:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 32 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 91:

CCTCTAGAGG TTAGTTTGCA TGCACACACA GA

32

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 92:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 112 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 92:

Asp	Val	Val	Met	Thr	Gln	Ser	Pro	Leu	Ser	Leu	Pro	Val	Ser	Leu	Gly	1	5	10	15
Asp	Gln	Ala	Ser	Ile	Ser	Cys	Arg	Ser	Ser	Lys	Ser	Leu	Val	His	Ser	20	25	30	
Asn	Gly	Asn	Thr	Tyr	Leu	His	Trp	Tyr	Leu	Gln	Lys	Pro	Gly	Gln	Ser	35	40	45	
Pro	Lys	Leu	Leu	Ile	Tyr	Lys	Val	Ser	Asn	Arg	Phe	Ser	Gly	Val	Pro	50	55	60	
Asp	Arg	Phe	Ser	Gly	Ser	Gly	Ser	Gly	Thr	Asp	Phe	Thr	Leu	Lys	Ile	65	70	75	80
Ser	Arg	Val	Glu	Ala	Glu	Asp	Leu	Gly	Val	Tyr	Phe	Cys	Ser	Gln	Ser	85	90	95	

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Thr His Val Pro Pro Ala Phe Gly Gly Gly Thr Lys Leu Glu Ile Lys
 100 105 110

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 93:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 34 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 93:

GCGAATTCTG CCTTGACTGA TCAGAGTTTC CTCA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 94:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 32 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 94:

GCTCTAGATG AGGTGAAAGA TGAGCTGGAG GA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 95:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 95:

CCTCGTCTCC TGTGAGAATT

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 96:

ACTCTGACAT CAGCAGTACC

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 97:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 97:

ACGAACACGT GGTGTGCAAA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 98:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 - (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

- (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

- (iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 98:

AAGTCCAAGC TCATCTGCCA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 99:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 - (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

- (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

- (iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 99:

TACAAGGTGA CCAGCACA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 100:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

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(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 100:

AATGCGTCCT CCATGTGTGT

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 101:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 101:

AGACCTGACC ACCTATGACA

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 102:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 102:

TCTGCGAGGA TGACTGGAAT

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 103:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 103:

ATGTCTACTT GCTGCCACCA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 104:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 104:

TTGTCCCCGG AGAAGTATGT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 105:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 105:

GTGTCCGAAG AGGAATGGAA

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 106:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 106:

CTCAGTGAAG GTTCCTGCA

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 107:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 107:

AAAGGCTTGA GTGGATGGGA

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 108:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 108:

TGAGCAGCCT GAGATCTGAA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 109:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 109:

GGTACTGCTG ATGTCAGAGT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 110:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 110:

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AATCACTGGA AGAGGCACGT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 111:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 111:

TGGCAGATGA GCTTGGACTT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 112:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 112:

AGCCAGTCGC TCTCTTTGAT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 113:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 113:

AGGAAGATGC TGGCAAAGGA

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 114:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 114:

TGGTGTGGGT TTTCACAGCT

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 115:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 115:

TTCCAGTCAT CCTCGCAGAT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 116:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 116:

TGGTGGCAGC AAGTAGACAT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 117:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 117:

ACATACTTCT CCGGGGACAA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 118:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 118:

GTGTTCCATT CCTCTTCGGA

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 119:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 119:

TTTACCGGTG GACTTGTCCTA

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 120:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 120:

TATCCAGAAG CCTTGCAGGA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 121:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 121:

TGTGTCCCTG GTAATGGTGA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 122:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 122:

CTCGCACAGT AATACCACGC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 123:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 123:

TATCCGACGG GGAATTCTCA

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 124:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 124:

TGTCTTCATC TTCCCGCCAT

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 125:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 125:

ACGCTGAGCA AAGCAGACTA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 126:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 126:

TCCAGTGGGG ATGTTGTGAT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 127:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 127:

AGTGGGTCAG GCACTGATTT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 128:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 128:

TCTCCTGCAG GTCTAGTCAA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 129:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 129:

GGGTAACTCC CAGGAGAGTG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 130:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

5 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 130:
 AGGGACCAAG GTGGAAATCA 20

10 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 131:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 15 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

20 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

25 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 131:
 TACTTTGGCC TCTCTGTGAT 20

30 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 132:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 35 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

40 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

45 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 132:
 ACTTCGCAGG CGTAGACTTT 20

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 133:

55 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

5 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

10 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

15 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 133:

TCTCCCTGT TGAAGCTCTT

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20 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 134:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
25 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

30 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 134:

TTAAAGCCAA GGAGGAGGAG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 135:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
45 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
50 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 135:

CTCCACCCCTG CTGATTTTCA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 136:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 136:

TGCAGCCACA GTACGTTTGA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 137:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 1869 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: double

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: Homo sapiens

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 137:

ATGGACTGGA CCTGGAGGAT CCTCTTTTGT GTGGCAGCAG CCACAGGTGC CCACTCCCAG

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GTCCAACTTG TGCAGTCTGG GGCTGAGGTG AAGAAGCCTG GGGCCTCAGT GAAGGTTTCC

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TGCAAGGCCT CTGGATACAC CTTCACTACC TATGCTATGC ATTGGGTGCG CCAGGCCCCC

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GGACAAAGGC TTGAGTGGAT GGGATGGATC AACGCTGGCA ATGGTAACAC AAAATATTCA

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	CAGAAGTTCC AGGGCAGAGT CACCATTACC AGGGACACAT CCGCGAGCAC AGCCTACATG	300
	GAGCTGAGCA GCCTGAGATC TGAAGACACG GCTGTGTATT ACTGTGCGAG AGGCGAGGAG	360
5	ATGGGAGCTA CTTCAGGTCC CGGGCGGTAC TACTTTGACT ACTGGGGCCA GGGAAACCCTG	420
	GTCACCGTCT CCTCAGGGAG TGCATCCGCC CCAACCCTTT TCCCCCTCGT CTCTGTGAG	480
	AATTCCCCGT CGGATACGAG CAGCGTGGCC GTTGGCTGCC TCGCACAGGA CTTCCTTCCC	540
10	GACTCCATCA CTTTCTCCTG GAAATACAAG AACAACTCTG ACATCAGCAG CACCCGGGGC	600
	TTCCCATCAG TCCTGAGAGG GGGCAAGTAC GCAGCCACCT CACAGGTGCT GCTGCCTTCC	660
15	AAGGACGTCA TGCAGGGCAC AGACGAACAC GTGGTGTGCA AAGTCCAGCA CCCCACGGC	720
	AACAAAGAAA AGAACGTGCC TCTTCCAGTG ATTGTGTAGC TGCCTCCCA AGTGAGCGTC	780
	TTCGTCCAC CCCGCGACGG CTTCCTCGGC AACCCCGCA AGTCCAAGCT CATCTGCCAG	840
20	GCCACGGGTT TCAGTCCCCG GCAGATTCAG GTGTCTGGC TCGCGAGGG GAAGCAGGTG	900
	GGGTCTGGCG TCACCACGGA CCAGGTGCAG GCTGAGGCCA AAGAGTCTGG GCCCACGACC	960
25	TACAAAGTGA CCAGCACACT GACCATCAAA GAGAGCGACT GGCTCAGCCA GAGCATGTTT	1020
	ACCTGCCGCG TGGATCAGAG GGGCTGACC TTCCAGCAGA ATGCGTCTTC CATGTGTGTC	1080
	CCCGATCAAG ACACAGCCAT CCGGTCTTC GCCATCCCC CATCCTTTGC CAGCATCTTC	1140
30	CTCACCAAGT CCACCAAGTT GACCTGCCTG GTCACAGACC TGACCACCTA TGACAGCGTG	1200
	ACCATCTCCT GGACCCGCCA GAATGGCGAA GCTGTGAAA CCCACACCA CATCTCCGAG	1260
	AGCCACCCCA ATGCCACTTT CAGCGCCGTG GGTGAGGCCA GCATCTGCGA GGATGACTGG	1320
35	AATTCCGGGG AGAGGTTTAC GTGCACCGTG ACCCACACAG ACCTGCCCTC GCCACTGAAG	1380
	CAGACCATCT CCCGGCCCAA GGGGGTGGCC CTGCACAGGC CCGATGTCTA CTTGCTGCCA	1440
40	CCAGCCCGGG AGCAGCTGAA CCTGCGGGAG TCGGCCACCA TCACGTGCCT GGTGACGGGC	1500
	TTCTCTCCCG CGGACGTCTT CGTGCACTGG ATGCAGAGGG GGCAGCCCTT GTCCCCGGAG	1560
	AAGTATGTGA CCAGCGCCCC AATGCCTGAG CCCCAGGCC CAGGCCGGTA CTTGCCCCAC	1620
45	AGCATCCTGA CCGTGTCCGA AGAGGAATGG AACACGGGG AGACCTACAT CTGCGTGGTG	1680
	GCCCATGAGG CCCTGCCCAA CAGGGTCACC GAGAGGACCG TGGACAAGTC CACCGGTAAA	1740
	CCCACCTGT ACAACGTGTC CCTGGTCATG TCCGACACAG CTGGCACCTG CTACTGACCC	1800
50	TGCTGGCCTG CCCACAGGCT CGGGGCGGCT GGCCGCTCTG TGTGTGCATG CAAACTAACC	1860
	CGTGTCAAC	1869

55 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 138:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 891 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: Homo sapiens

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 138:

20	TGCCCTGACT GATCAGGACT CCTCAGTTCA CCTTCTCACA ATGAGGCTCC CTGCTCAGCT	60
	CCTGGGGCTG CTAATGCTCT GGGTCCCAGG ATCCAGTGGG GATGTTGTGA TGACTCAGTC	120
	TCCACTCTCC CTGCCCCGTC TCCCTGGACA GCCGGCTCC ATCTCCTGCA GCTCTAGTCA	180
25	AGGCCTCGTA TTCAGTGATG GAAACACCTA CGTGAATTGG TTTCAACAGA GGCCAGGCCA	240
	ACCTCCAAGG CGCCTAATTT ATGAGGTTTC TCACCGGGAC TCTGGGGTCC CAGACAGATT	300
	CAGCGGCAGT GGGTCAGGCA CTGATTTTAC ACTGAAAATC AGCAGGGTGG AGGCTGAGGA	360
30	TGTTGGGGTT TATTACTGCA TGCAAGGTAC ACAGTGGCCG TGGACGTTCC GCCAAGGGAC	420
	GAAGGTGGAA ACCAAACGAA CTGTGCTGTC ACCATCTGTC TTCATCTTCC CGCCATCTGA	480
35	TGAGCAGTTG AAATCTGGA CTGCCTCTGT TGTGTGCTG CTGAATAACT TCTATCCCAG	540
	AGAGGCCAAA GTACAGTGA AAGTGSATAA CGCCCTCCAA TCGGGTAACT CCCAGGAGAG	600
	TGTCACAGAG CAGGACAGCA AGGACAGCAC CTACAGCCTC AGCAGCACCC TGACGCTGAG	660
40	CAAAGCAGAC TACGAGAAAC ACAAACTCTA CGCCTGCGAA GTCACCCATC AGGGCCTGAG	720
	CTCGCCCGTC ACAAGAGCT TCAACAGGGG AGAGTGTTAG AGGGAGAAGT GCCCCCACCT	780
45	GCTCCTCAGT TCCAGCCTGA CCCCCTCCA TCCTTTGGCC TCTGACCTT TTTCCACAGG	840
	GGACCTACCC CTATTGCGGT CCTCCAGCTC ATCTTTCACC TCATCTAGAG C	891

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 139:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 40 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 139:

AGCCGGCCTC CATCTCCTGC AGATCTAGTA AGAGCCTTGT

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 140:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 40 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 140:

ACAAGGCTCT TACTAGATCT GCAGGAGATG GAGGCCGGCT

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 141:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 40 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 141:

AAGTTTCCAA CCGATTTTCT GGGGTCCCAG ACAGATTCAG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 142:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 40 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 142:

CTGAATCTGT CTGGGACCCC AGAAAATCGG TTGGAAACTT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 143:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 50 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 143:

GGCTGAGGAT GTTGGGGTTT ATTACTGCTC TCAAAGTACA CATGTTCTCTC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 144:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 50 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 144:

GAGGAACATG TGTACTTTGA GAGCAGTAAT AAACCCCAAC ATCCTCAGCC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 145:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 50 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 145:

GGCTGAGGAT GTTGGGGTTT ATTTCTGCTC TCAAAGTACA CATGTTCTC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 146:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 50 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 146:

GAGGAACATG TGTACTTTGA GAGCAGAAAT AAACCCCAAC ATCCTCAGCC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 147:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 52 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 147:

CTCAAAGTAC ACATGTTCTT CCGGCGTTTCG GCCAAGGGAC CAAGGTGGAA AT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 148:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 52 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 148:

ATTTCCACCT TGGTCCCTTG GCCGAACGCC GGAGGAACAT GTGTACTTTG AG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 149:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 40 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 149:

GGGCTCGAGT GCCTTGACTG ATCAGGACTC CTCAGTTCAC

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 150:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 31 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 150:

GGCCAGTCTC CAAGGCTCCT GATCTACAAA G

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 151:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 31 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 151:

CTTTGTAGAT CAGGAGCCTT GGAGACTGGC C

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 152:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 31 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 152:

CCCTCTAGAC TAACACTCTC CCCTGTTGAA G

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 153:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 153:

CTGCTCTAAA AGCTGCGGAA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 154:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 154:

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TAGATCTGCA GGAGARGGAG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 155:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 155:

TATGTTTCAG GTTCAGGGGG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 156:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 40 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 156:

GGGCTCGAGC TAAGGGAATT CCGCCTCTCC TCAGACACTG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 157:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 40 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 157:

GAACTGCAGG CGTCCACTCT GAGGTGCAGC TTGTGCAGTC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 158:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 40 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 158:

GACTGCACAA GCTGCACCTC AGAGTGGACG CCTGCAGTTC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 159:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 50 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

- (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 159:

AATATGCATA AATTCGAATG GATGGGATAT ATTTATCCTT ACAATGGTGG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 160:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 50 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 160:

CATCCATTCG AATTTATGCA TATTATAGTC AGTGAAGGTG TATCCAGAAG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 161:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 40 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 161:

CCACATTGAC TGTTGACAAT TCCGCGAGCA CAGCCTACAT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 162:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 40 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 162:

ATGTAGGCTG TGCTCGCGGA ATTGTCAACA GTCAATGTGG

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 163:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 40 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 163:

GAAGTTACTA TGCTATGGAC TACTGGGGCC AGGGAACCCT

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 164:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 40 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 164:

TAGTCCATAG CATAGTAACT TCTCGCACAG TAATACACAG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 165:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 39 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 165:

GGGCTCGAGG CCAAAGAGTC TGGGCCACG ACCTACAAG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 166:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 30 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 166:

CTTGTTAGGTC GTGGGCCACG ACTCTTTGGC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 167:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 31 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 167:

GGGTCTAGAT CAGTAGCAGG TGCCAGCTGT G

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 168:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 60 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 168:

TATGCATTGG GTGCGCCAGG CCCCCGGACA AGGACTCGAA TGGATGGGAT ATATTTATCC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 169:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 60 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 169:

CGAGTCCTTG TCCGGGGGCC TGGCGCACCC AATGCATATT ATAGTCAGTG AAGGTGTATC 60

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 170:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 60 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 170:

TATGCATTGG GTGAAGCAGG CCCATGGAAA GAGCCTCGAA TGGATGGGAT ATATTTATCC 60

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 171:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 60 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 171:

CGAGGCTCTT TCCATGGGCC TGCTTCACCC AATGCATATT ATAGTCAGTG AAGGTGTATC 60

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 172:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 30 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 172:

GAGCGACTGG CTCAGCCAGA GCATGTTTAC

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 173:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 30 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 173:

GTGAACATGC TCTGGCTGAG CCAGTCGCTC

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 174:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 36 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 174:

ACCTACATCT GCGTGGTGGC CCATGAGGCC CTGCCC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 175:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 50 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 175:

GGCCTCATGG GCCACCACGC AGATGTAGGT CTCCTCCGTG TTCCATTCCT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 176:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 26 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 176:

GCTTTATTTG TAACCATTAT AAGCTG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 177:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 30 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

5 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 177:

CTAGATCACT AGCAGGTGCC AGCTGTGTCG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 178:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 24 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 178:

CATAGTAACT TCTCGCACAG TAAT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 179:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 23 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 179:

GATACACCTT CACTGACTAT AAT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 180:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 180:

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 CGTCGGATAC GAGCAGCGTG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 181:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 19 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 181:

CACCCGCGA CGGCTTCTT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 182:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

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(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 182:

GGATCACAGG GGCCTGACCT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 183:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 183:

CTGTGAAAAC CCACACCAAC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 184:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 184:

GCTGAACCTG CGGGAGTCGG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 185:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 - (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 185:

GTGGCCCATG AGGCCCTGCC

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 186:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 37 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 - (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 186:

GGGGAATTCC AGTACGGAGT TGGGAAGAA GCTCTTT

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 187:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 35 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
 - (A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 187:

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GTTCCTTCTG CCTCTGTCAC CAAGTTAGAT CTGGA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 188:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 35 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 188:

TCCAGATCTA ACTTGGTGAC AGAGGCAGAA GAAAC

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(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "synthetic DNA"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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Claims

1. A method for the production of a humanised antibody and derivatives thereof, comprising at least one light chain and one heavy chain, the method comprising the steps of:

a selecting a non-human antibody having at least one CDR;

b selecting a human antibody heavy chain;

c selecting a human antibody light chain;

d introducing at least one CDR, or fragment thereof, from the non-human antibody heavy chain into the human antibody heavy chain, to form a recombinant heavy chain; and

e introducing at least one CDR, or fragment thereof, from the non-human antibody light chain into the human antibody light chain, to form a recombinant light chain;

characterised in that the selection of each of the human antibody heavy and light chains is determined solely by sequence homology with the non-human antibody heavy and light chains, respectively.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the CDR regions have been removed from the human antibody chain before the introduction of the at least one CDR, or fragment thereof, from the non-human antibody chain.

3. A method according to claims 1 or 2, wherein the sequence homology is amino acid sequence homology.

4. A method according to any preceding claim, wherein the sequence homology is assessed substantially only in relation to the framework regions.

5. A method according to any preceding claim, wherein the selection of each human antibody chain is determined by sharing at least 70% amino acid identity in the framework regions with the non-human antibody chain.

6. A method according to any preceding claim, wherein all of the CDRs from each non-human antibody chain are introduced into the relevant human antibody chain.

7. A method according to any preceding claim, wherein the selected non-human antibody is the mouse CH11 antibody.

8. A method according to any preceding claim, wherein the selected human light chain is from the human antibody RPMI6410'CL.

9. A method according to any preceding claim, wherein the human heavy chain is from the human antibody 21•28'CL.

10. A method according to any preceding claim, wherein the amino acid regions derived from the human antibody comprise at least most of each of the framework regions of the antibody.

11. A method according to claim 11, wherein the amino acid regions derived from the human antibody further comprise the constant region, or a portion of the constant region.

12. A method according to any preceding claim, wherein the at least one non-human CDR is introduced into the human antibody along with at least one significant amino acid residue of at least one of the framework regions of the non-human CDR.

13. A method according to claim 12, wherein the at least one significant amino acid residue is introduced from a non-human framework region along with the CDR, if the residue meets at least one of the following criteria:

a) the amino acid in the human framework region of the acceptor is rarely found at that position in the acceptor, whereas the corresponding amino acid in the donor is commonly found at that position in the acceptor;

b) in a three-dimensional model of the immunoglobulin, the amino acid has a side-chain atom which is judged

to form a bond with an antigen or a CDR of a humanised antibody, in accordance with one or more of the criteria i), ii) and iii);

i) the side chain atom is within a distance of a second atom of less than the sum of their Van der Waal's radii plus 0.5 Å,

ii) the side chain atom is polar and is less than 3.4 Å from a second polar atom, and

iii) the side chain atom is charged and is less than 3.35 Å from an oppositely charged atom;

c) the amino acid is found in a position which is involved in determining the structure of the canonical class of the CDR; and

d) the position of the amino acid is found at a putative contact surface of the heavy and light chains.

14. A method according to claim 13, wherein the positions of amino acids in criteria (b) and (d) are determined by molecular modelling.

15. A method according to claim 14, wherein the positions of amino acids are additionally determined by comparison with X-ray crystallographic data for other antibodies.

16. A method according to claim 15, wherein an amino acid from the framework region is introduced if it is predicted both to contact a CDR by molecular modelling and is frequently found experimentally to contact a CDR by X-ray crystallography.

17. An antibody produced by the method of any of claims 1 to 16.

18. An antibody according to claim 17, wherein the antibody has anti-Fas activity.

19. An antibody according to claim 18, wherein the molecule is an IgM molecule with anti-Fas activity.

20. An antibody according to any of claims 17 to 19, wherein the antibody is an IgM antibody lacking a J chain.

21. An antibody according to any of claims 17 to 20, wherein the light chain comprises the amino acid sequence as defined by SEQ ID No. 78 and the heavy chain comprises the amino acid sequence as defined by SEQ ID No. 86.

22. An antibody according to any of claims 17 to 20, wherein the light chain comprises the amino acid sequence as defined by SEQ ID No. 78 and the heavy chain comprises the amino acid sequence as defined by SEQ ID No. 88.

23. An antibody according to any of claims 17 to 20, wherein the light chain comprises the amino acid sequence as defined by SEQ ID No. 80 and the heavy chain comprises the amino acid sequence as defined by SEQ ID No. 86.

24. An antibody according to any of claims 17 to 20, wherein the light chain comprises the amino acid sequence as defined by SEQ ID No. 80 and the heavy chain comprises the amino acid sequence as defined by SEQ ID No. 88.

25. An antibody according to any of claims 17 to 20, wherein the light chain comprises the amino acid sequence as defined by SEQ ID No. 82 and the heavy chain comprises the amino acid sequence as defined by SEQ ID No. 86.

26. An antibody according to any of claims 17 to 20, wherein the light chain comprises the amino acid sequence as defined by SEQ ID No. 82 and the heavy chain comprises the amino acid sequence as defined by SEQ ID No. 88.

27. An antibody according to any of claims 17 to 20, wherein the light chain comprises the amino acid sequence as defined by SEQ ID No. 84 and the heavy chain comprises the amino acid sequence as defined by Seq ID No. 86.

28. An antibody according to any of claims 17 to 20, wherein the light chain comprises the amino acid sequence as defined by SEQ ID No. 84 and the heavy chain comprises the amino acid sequence as defined by SEQ ID No. 88.

29. RNA encoding an antibody according to any of claims 17 to 28.

30. DNA encoding an antibody according to any of claims 17 to 28.

31. DNA which hybridises with the DNA of claim 30, preferably under conditions of 60 - 70 °C and in 6 x SSC.

32. A vector comprising DNA according to claims 30 or 31.

5 33. A vector according to claim 33 which is an expression vector.

34. A vector selected from recombinant DNA vectors pHκKY2-58, pHκKF2-19, pHκRY2-10, pHκRF2-52, pHμH5-1 and pHμm1-1.

10 35. A host cell transformed with an expression vector according to any of claims 32 to 34.

36. *E. coli* pHκKY2-58 (FERM BP-5861).

37. *E. coli* pHκKF2-19 (FERM BP-5860).

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38. *E. coli* pHκRY2-10 (FERM BP-5859).

39. *E. coli* pHκRF2-52 (FERM BP-5862).

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40. *E. coli* pHμH5-1 (FERM BP-5863).

41. *E. coli* pHμm1-1 (FERM BP-5864).

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42. A method for producing an immunoglobulin protein of the present invention comprising culturing a cell according to any of claims 32 to 34 under conditions which enable expression of DNA encoding the immunoglobulin H chain or L chain subunit contained in the vector, and recovering the immunoglobulin protein from the culture.

43. Use of an antibody according to any of claims 17 to 28 in the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of an autoimmune disease.

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44. Use according to claim 43, wherein the autoimmune disease is rheumatism.

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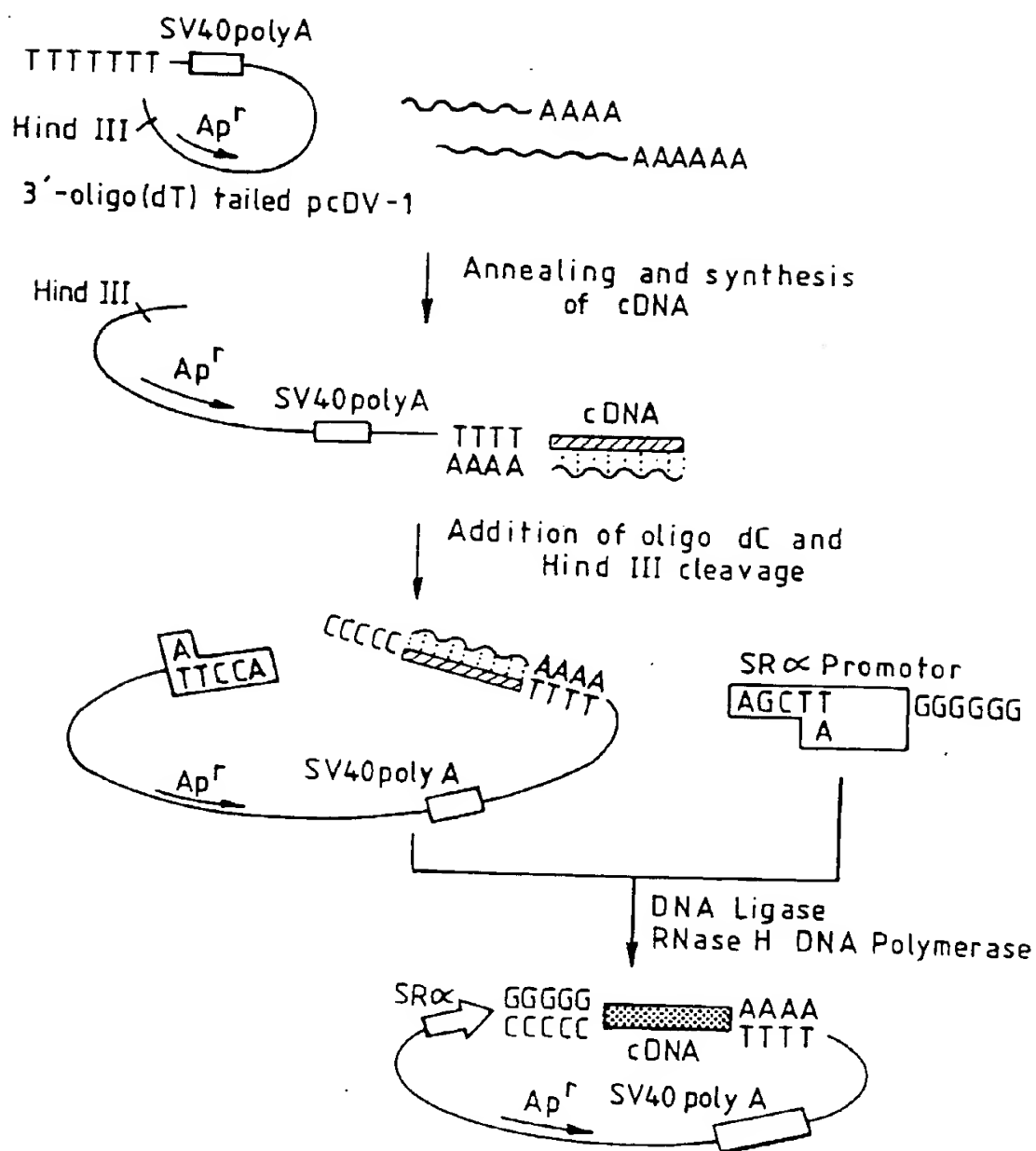
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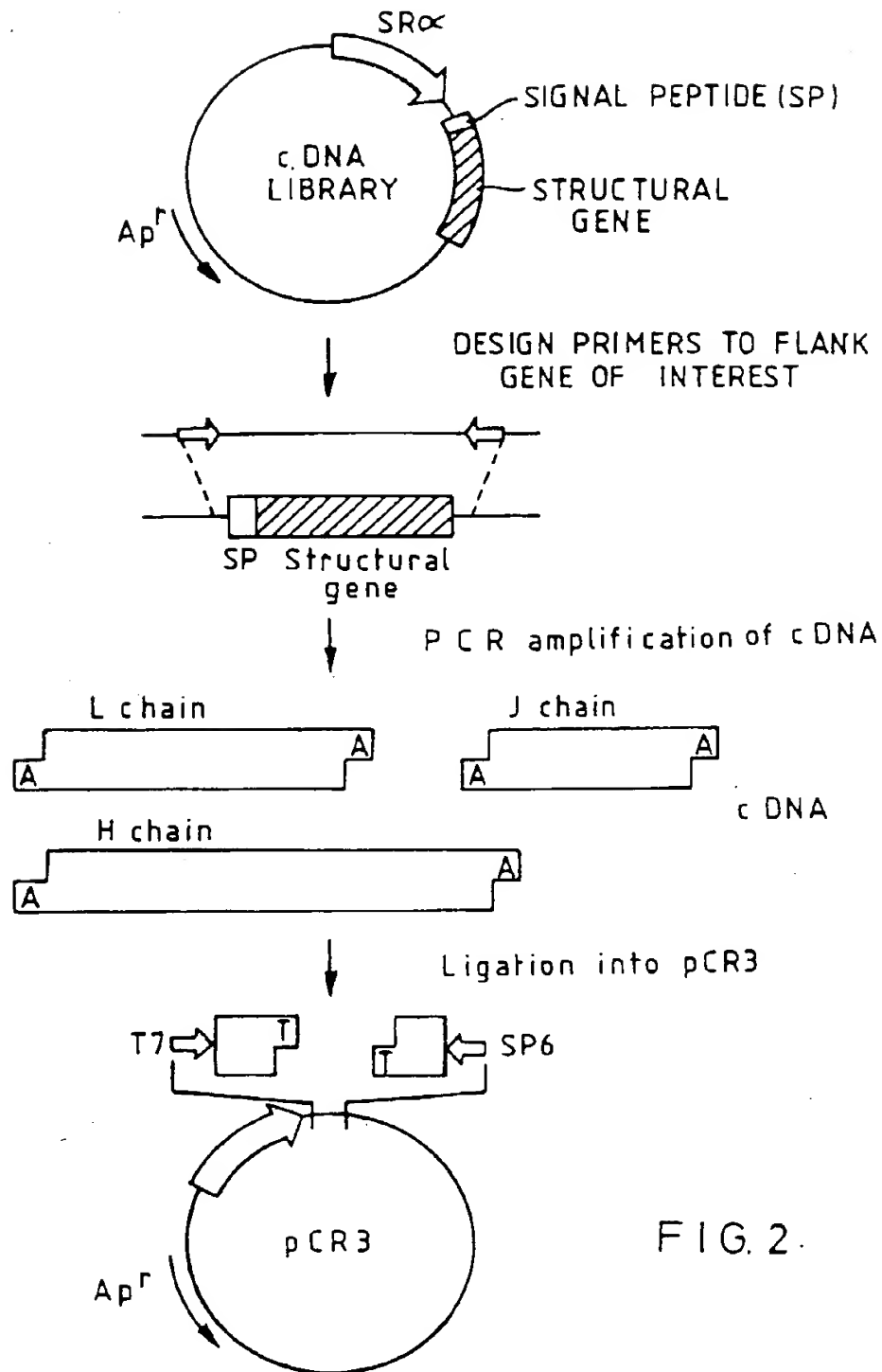


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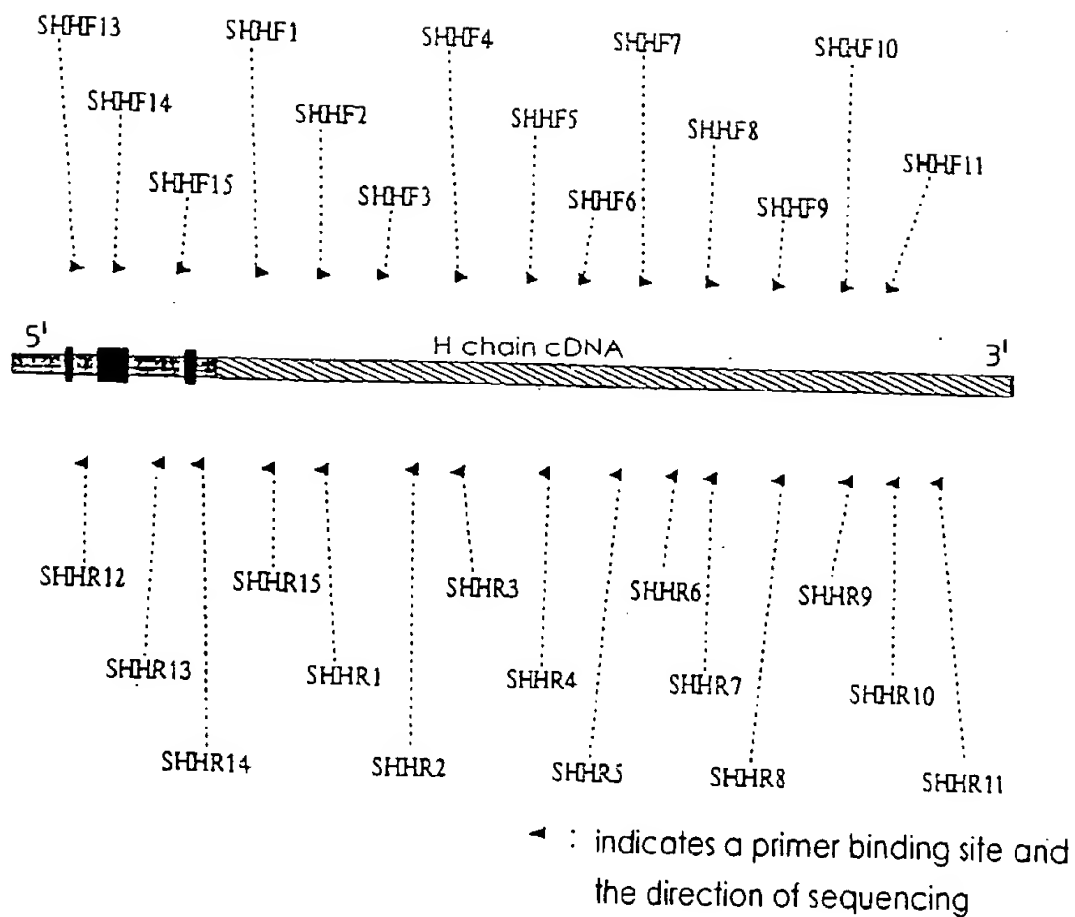


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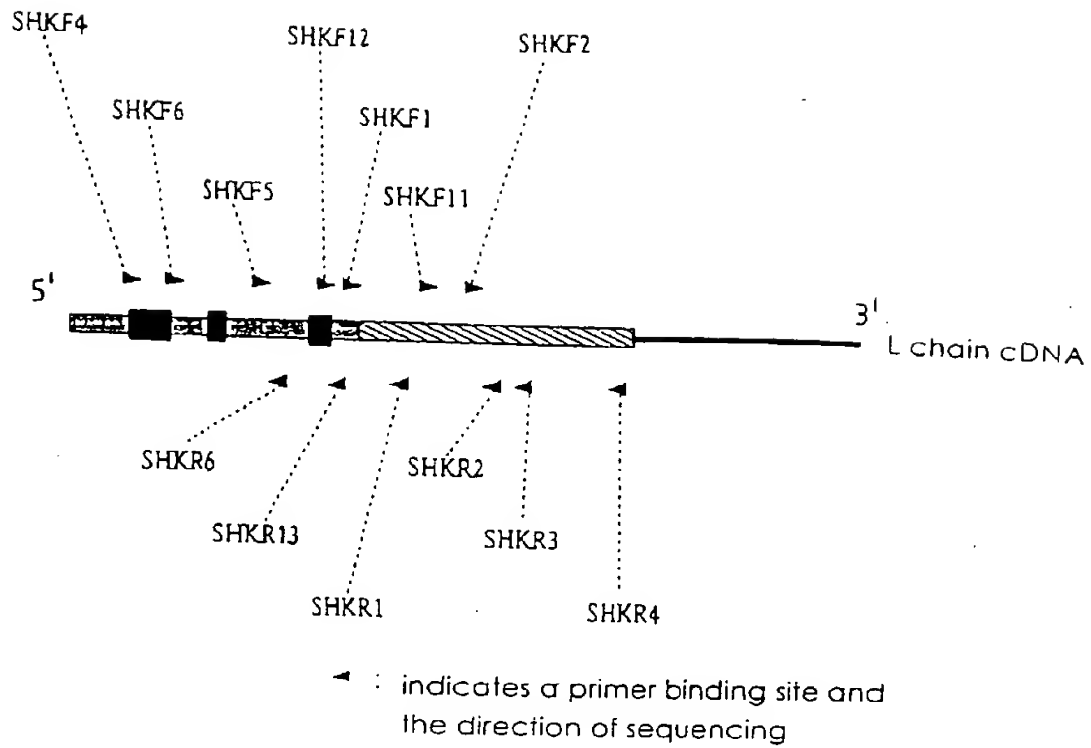


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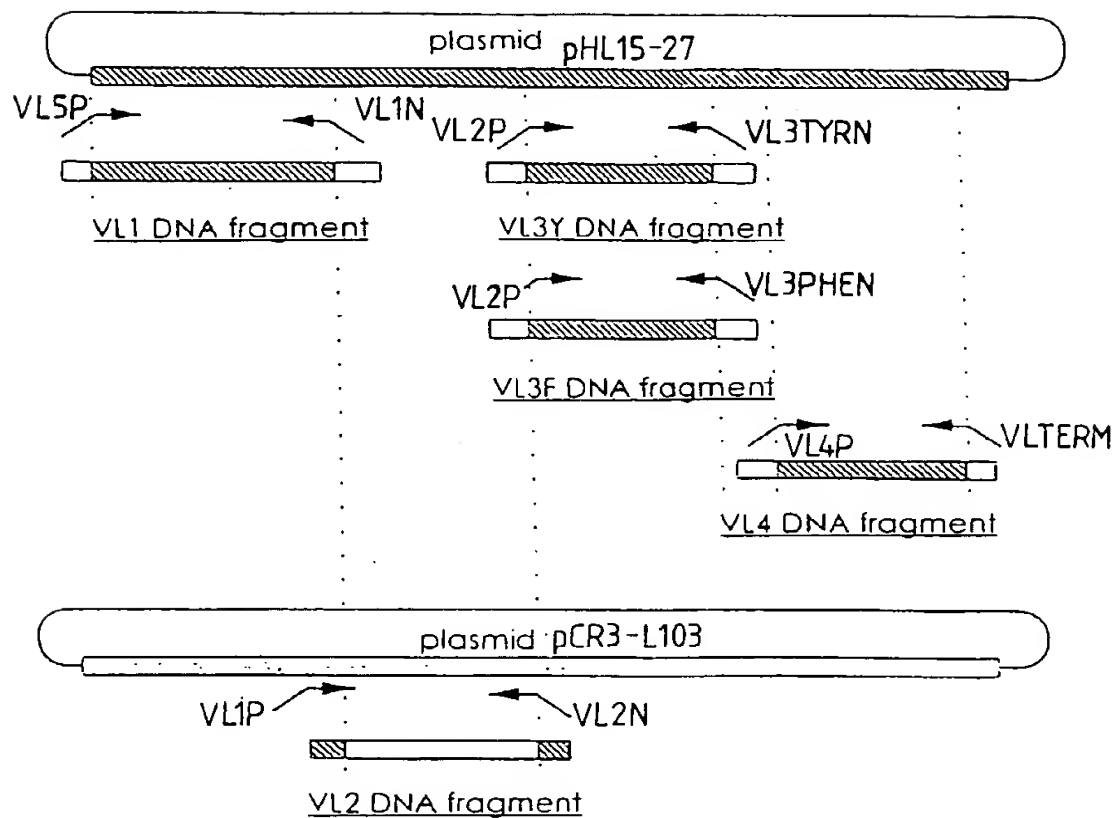


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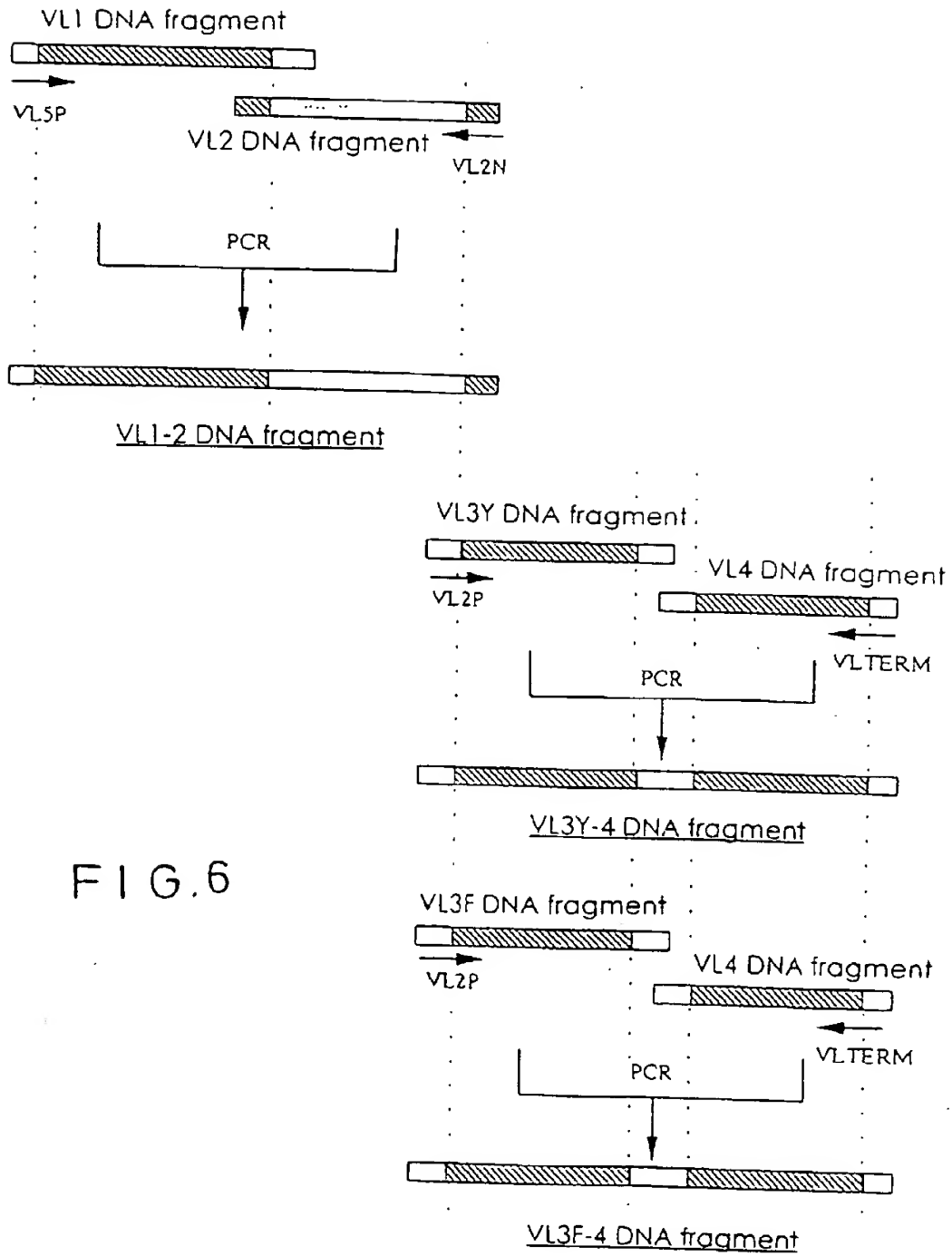


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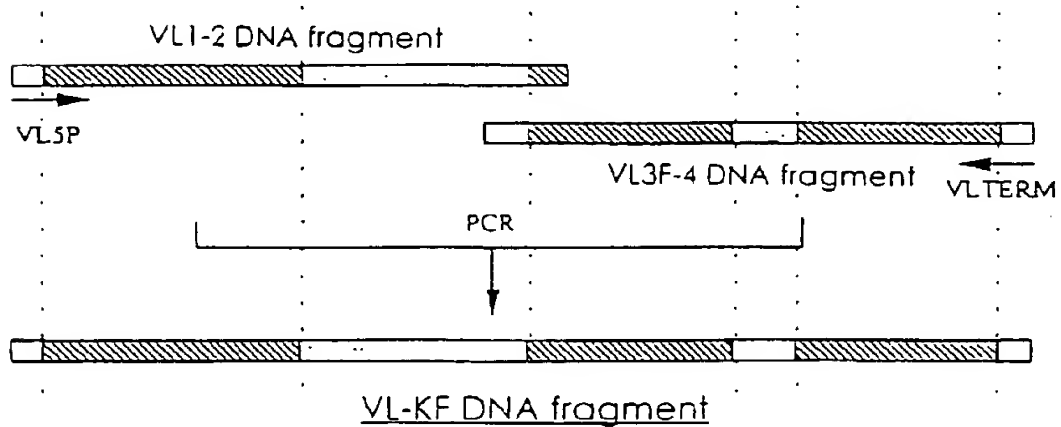
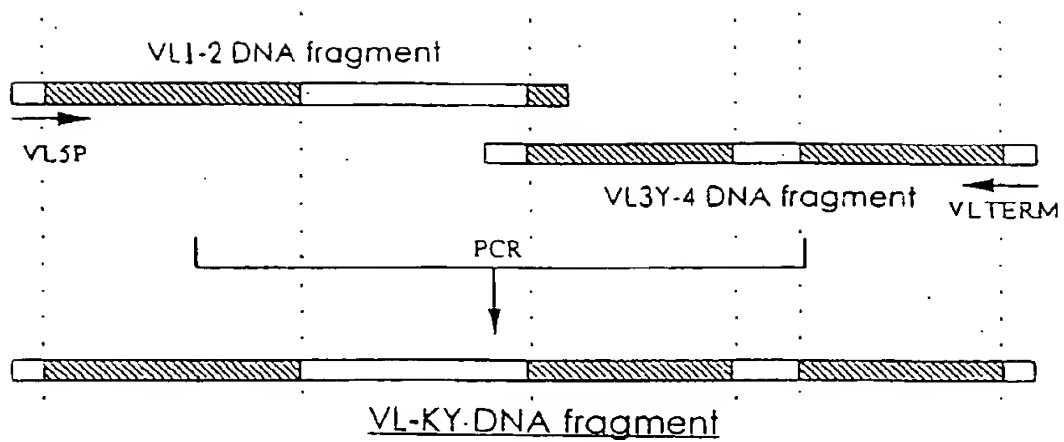


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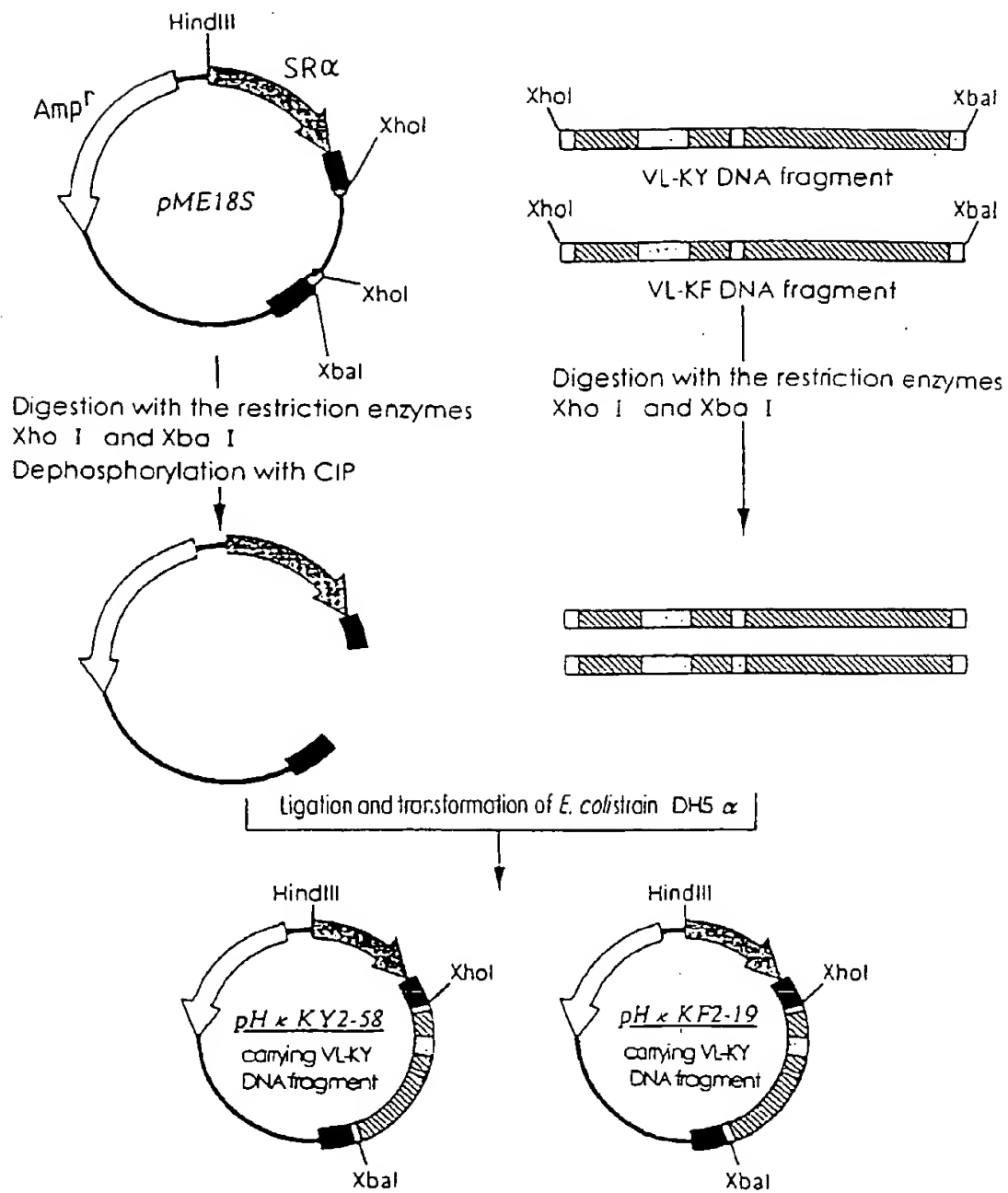


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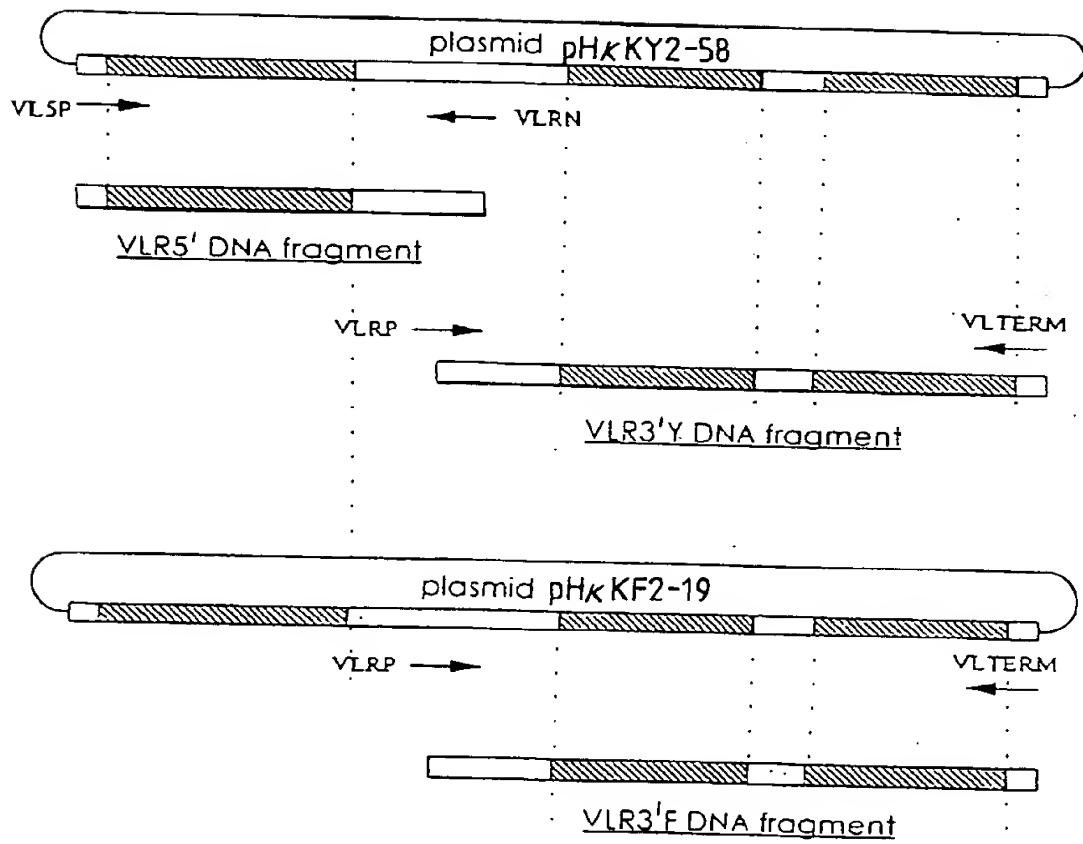


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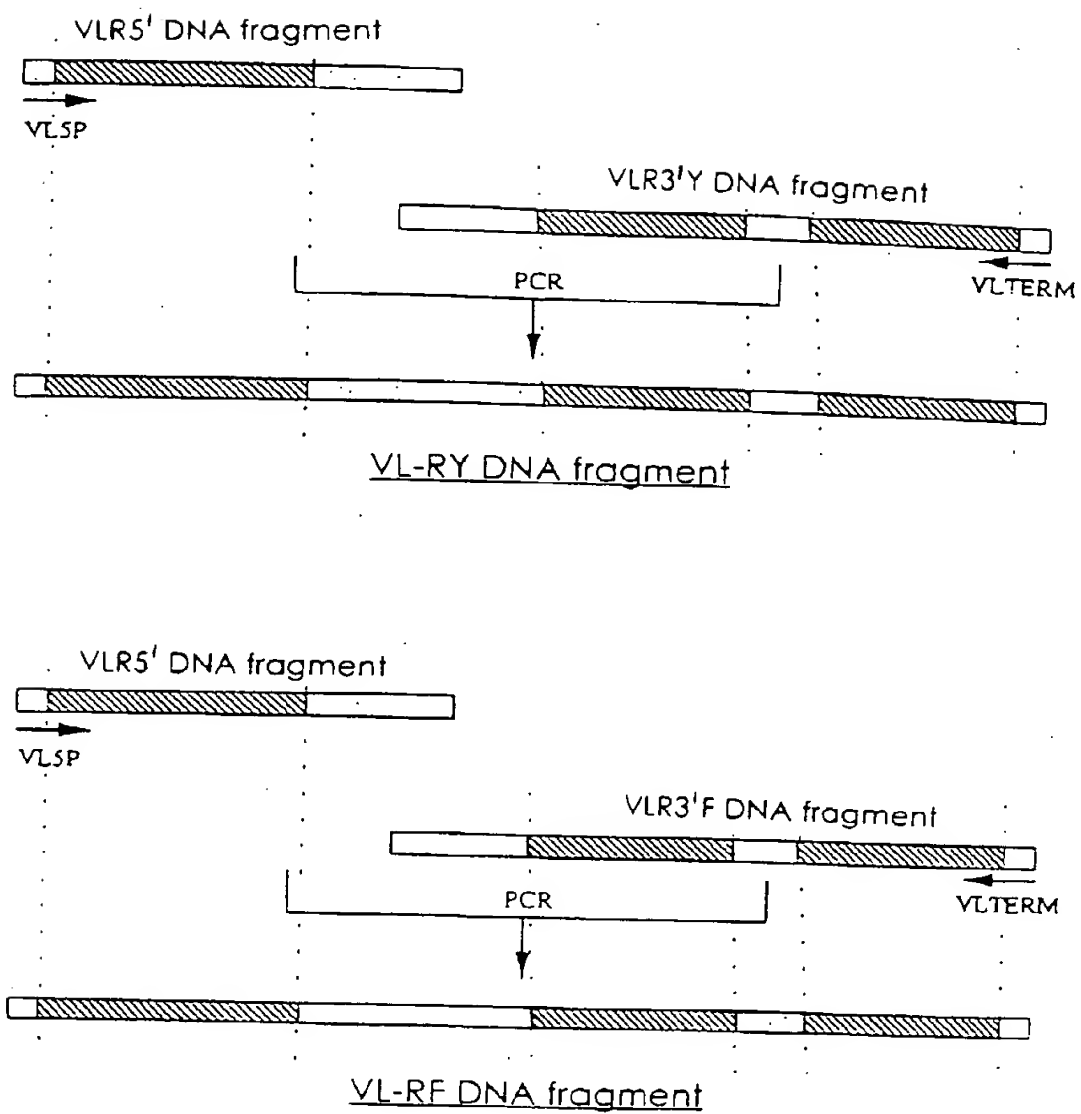


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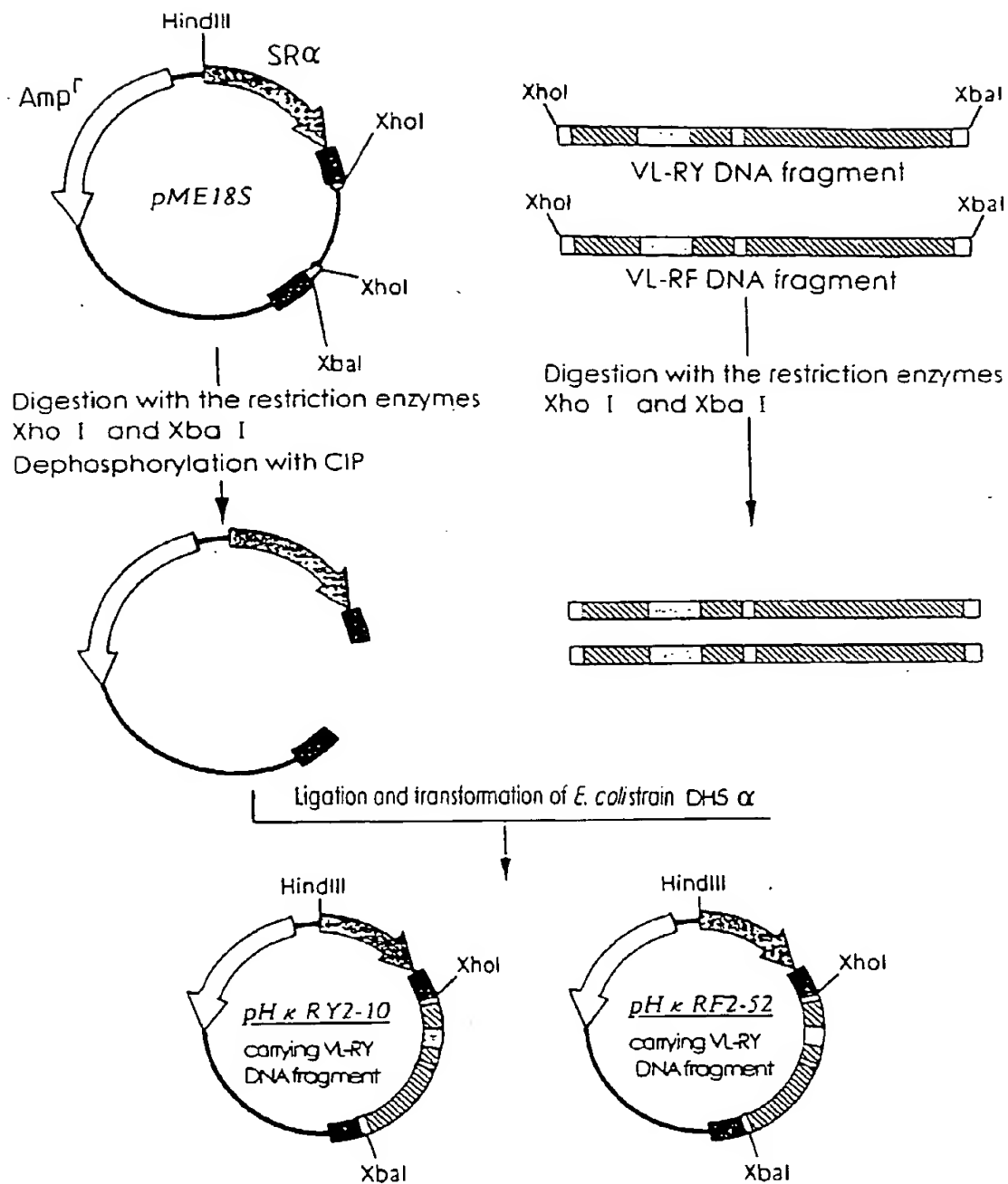


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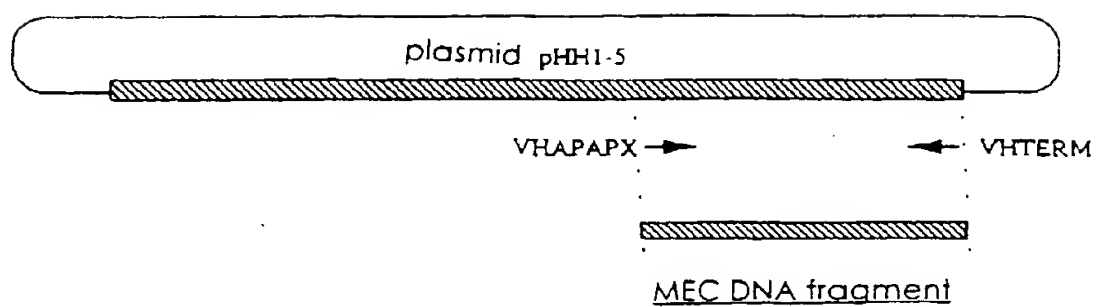


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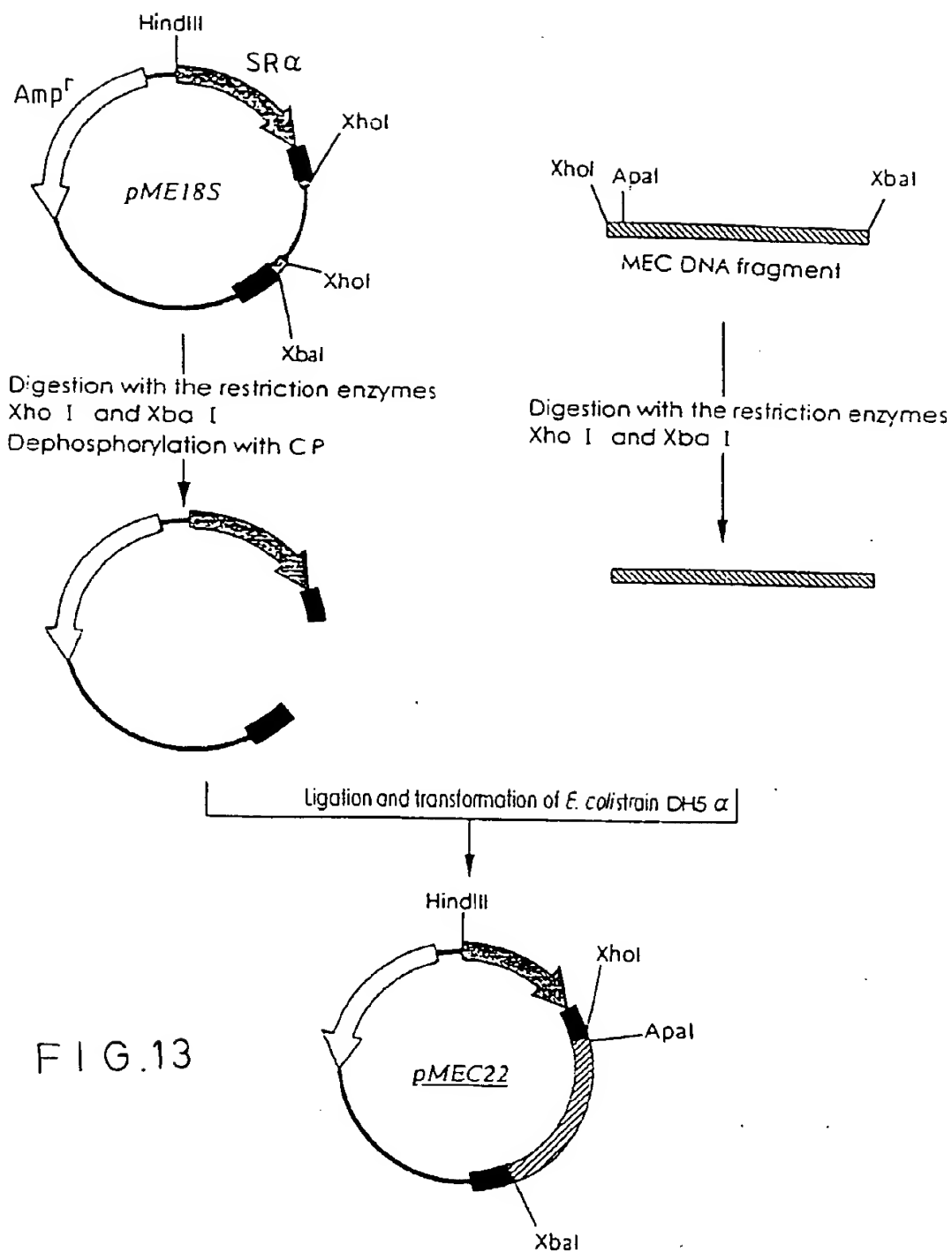


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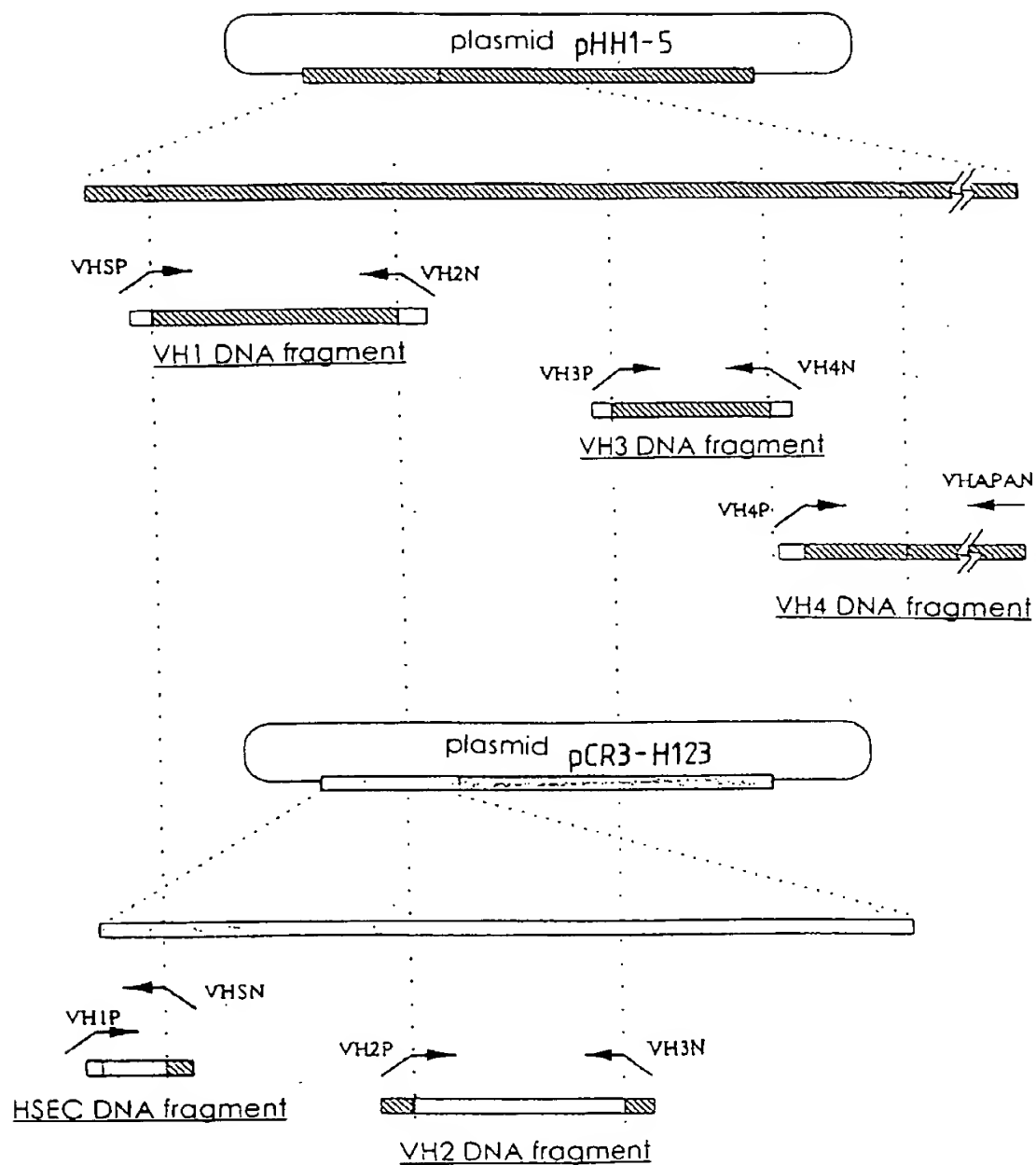


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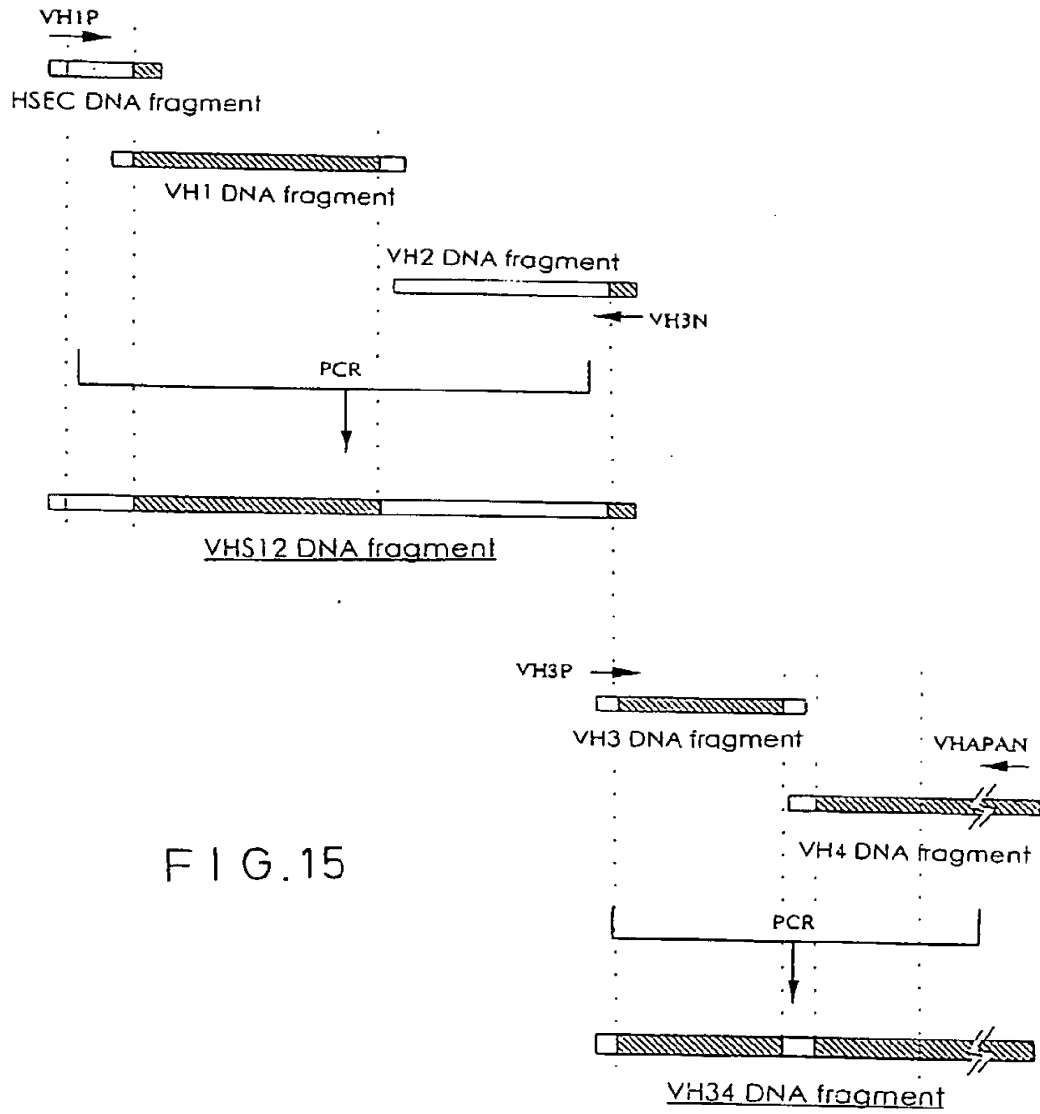


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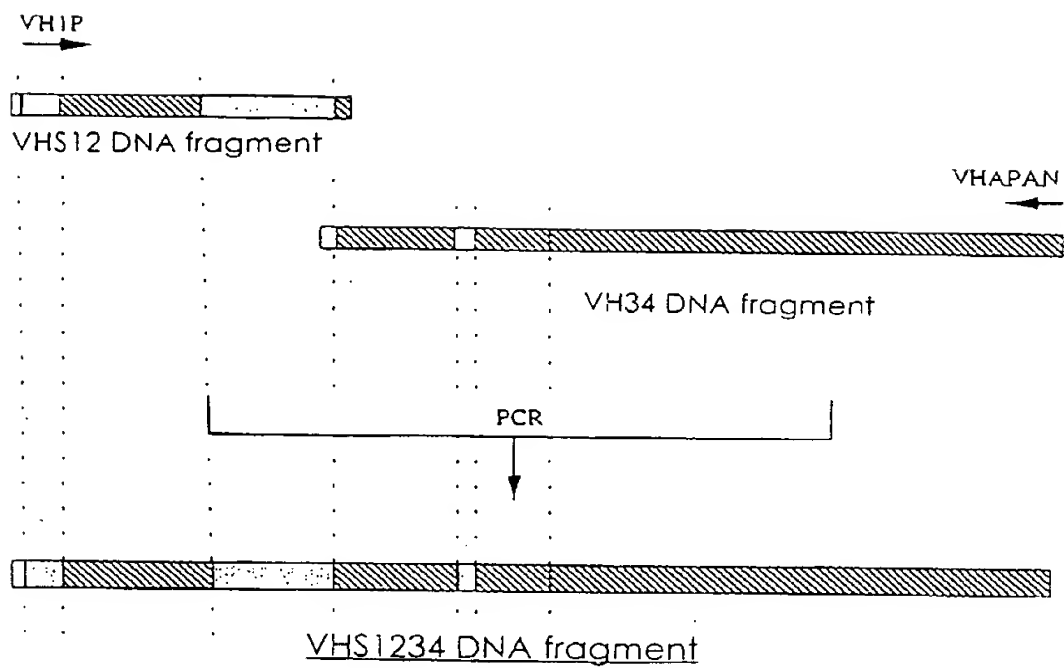


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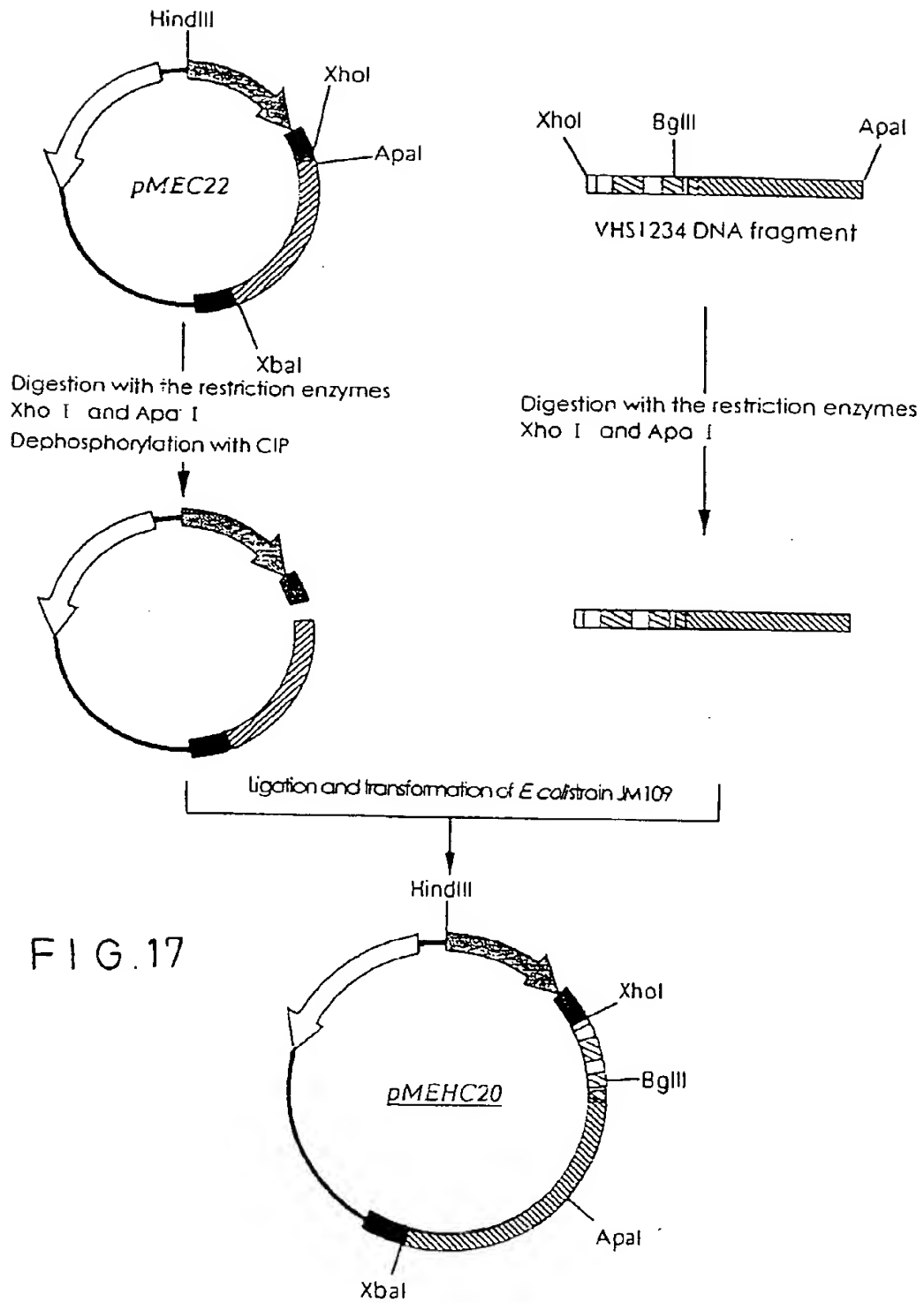


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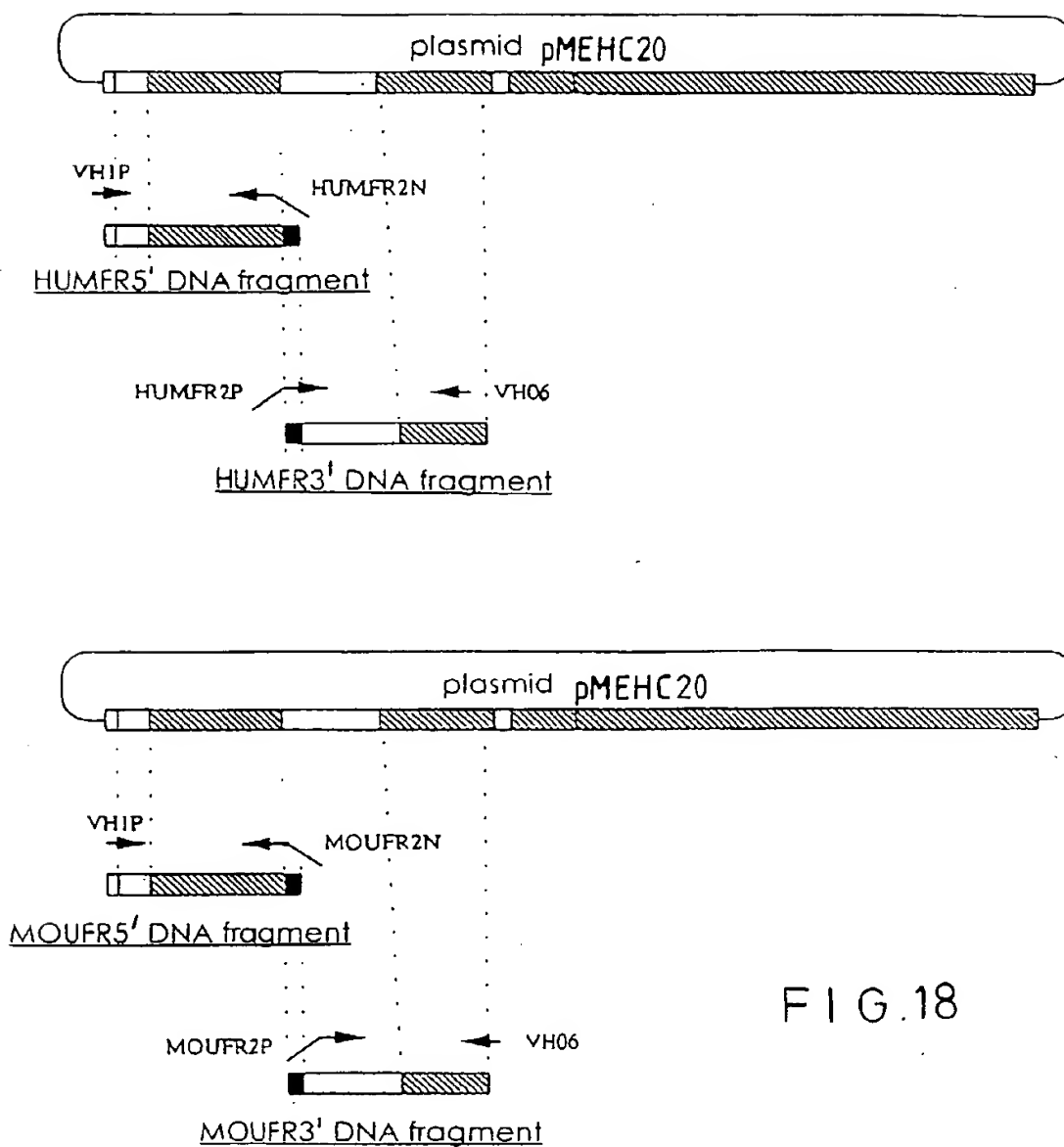


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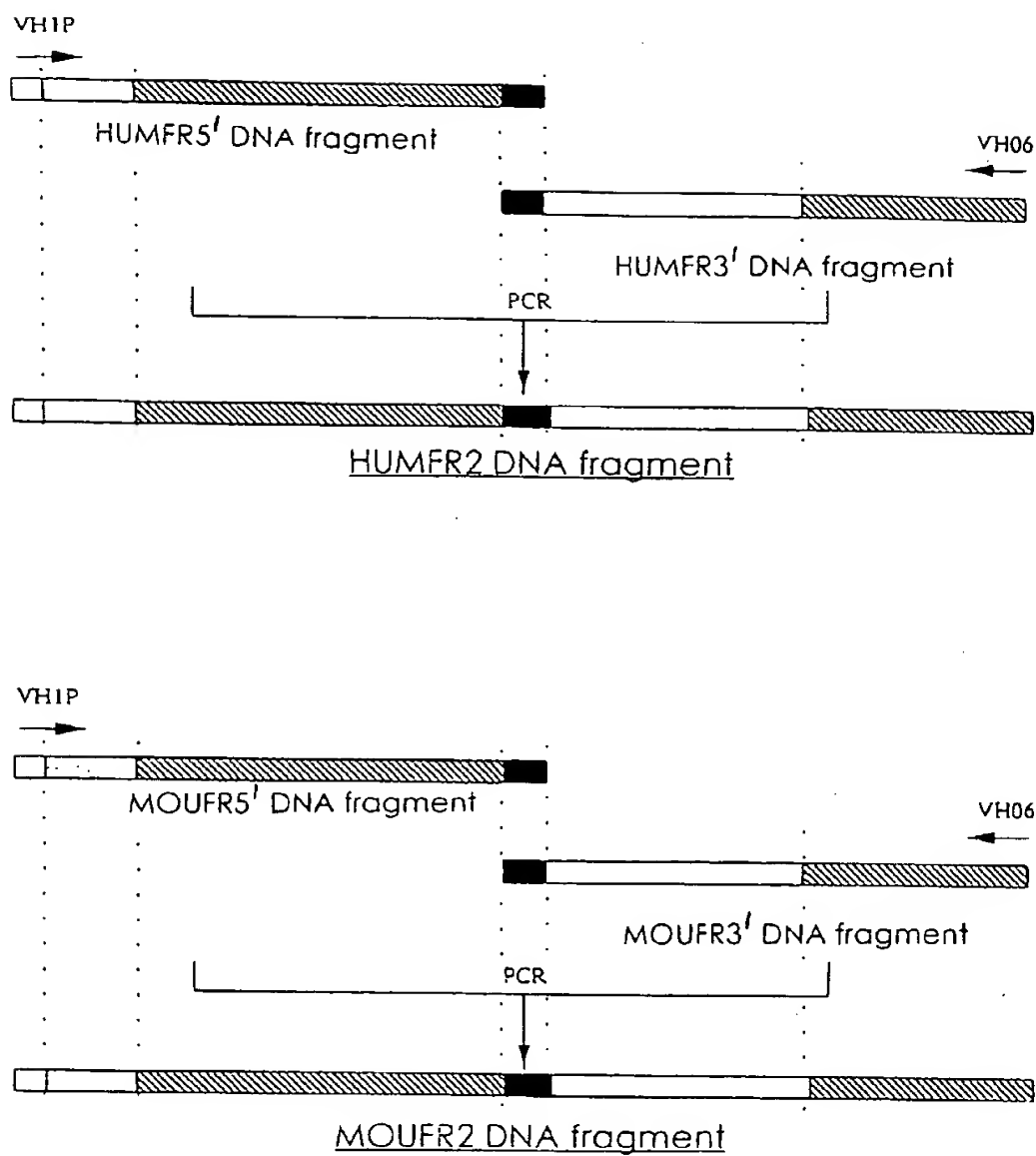


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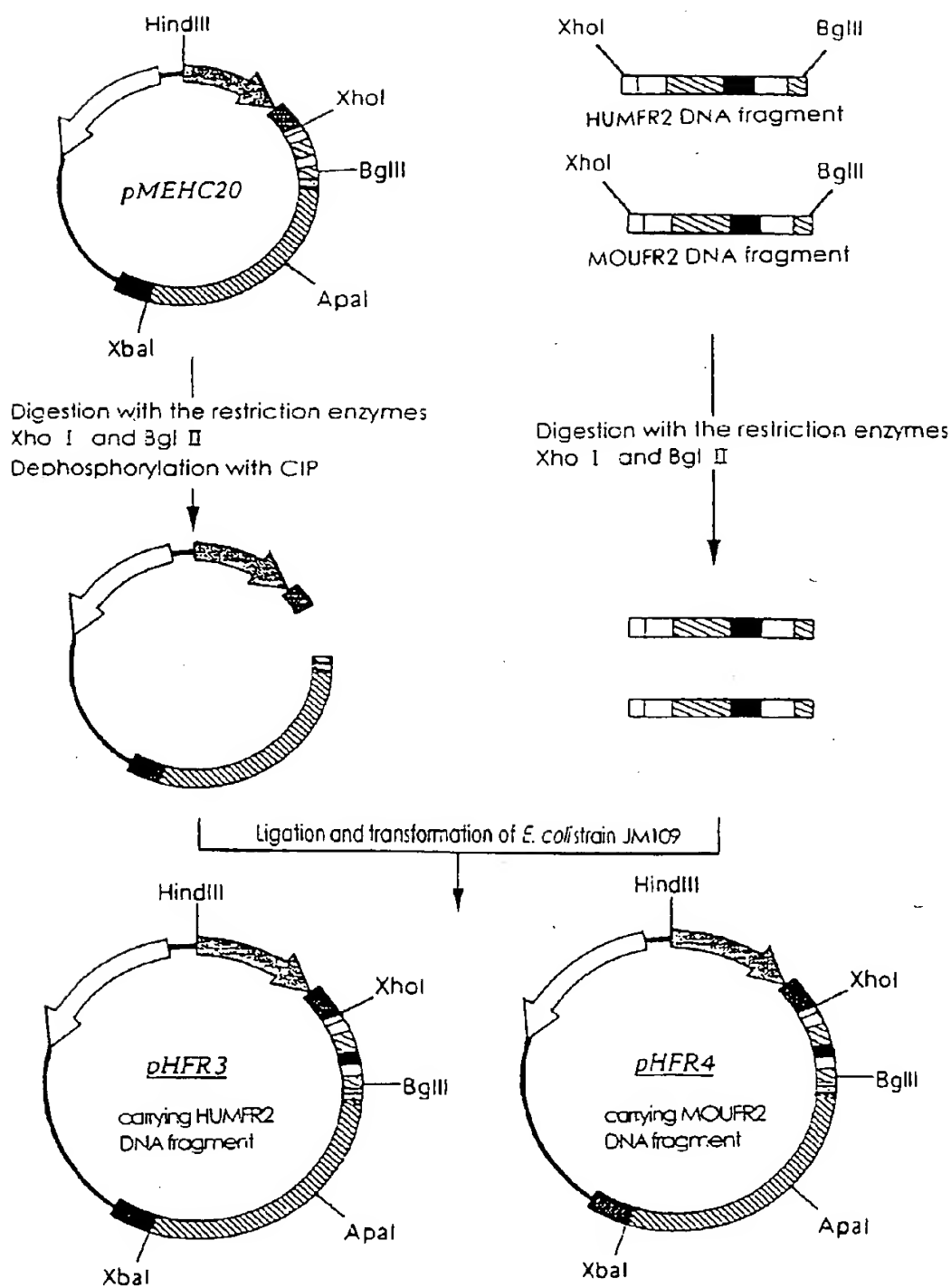
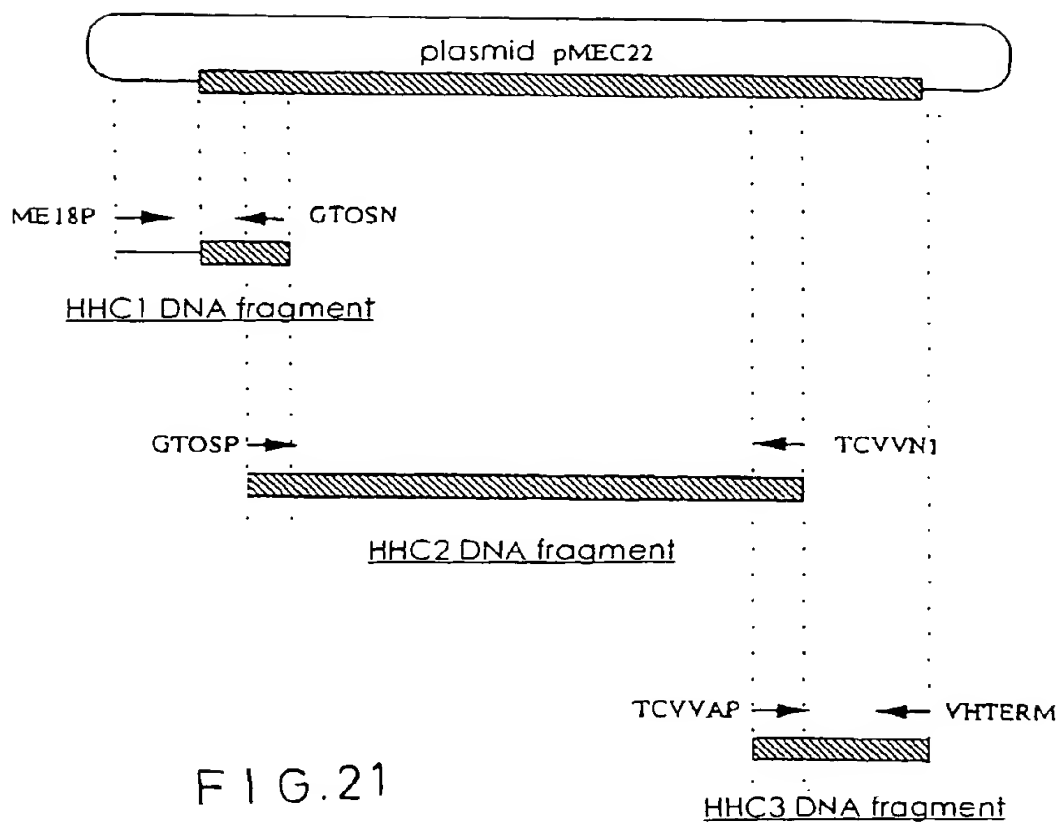


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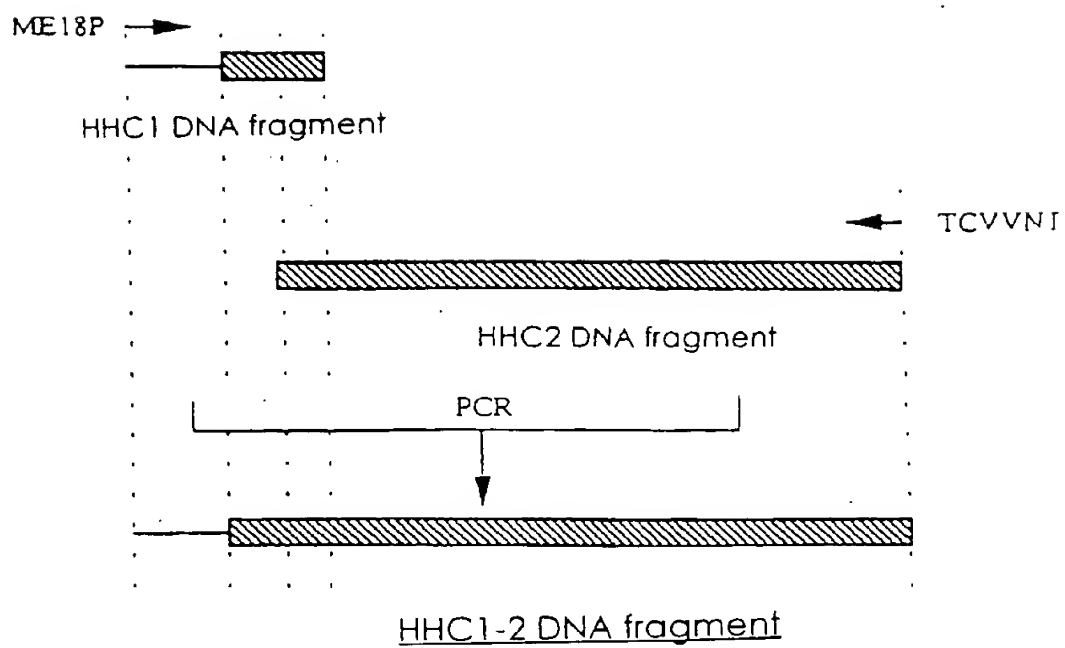


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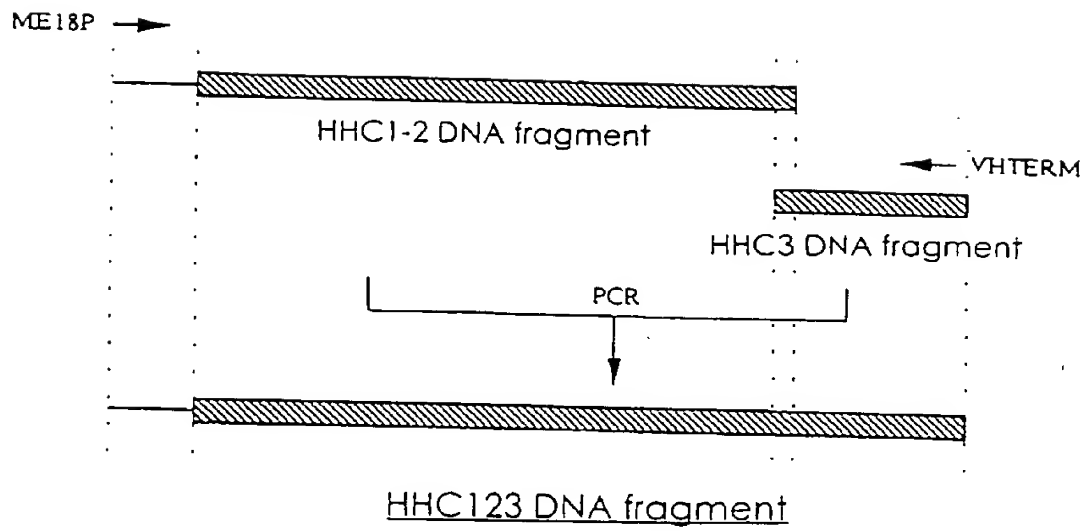


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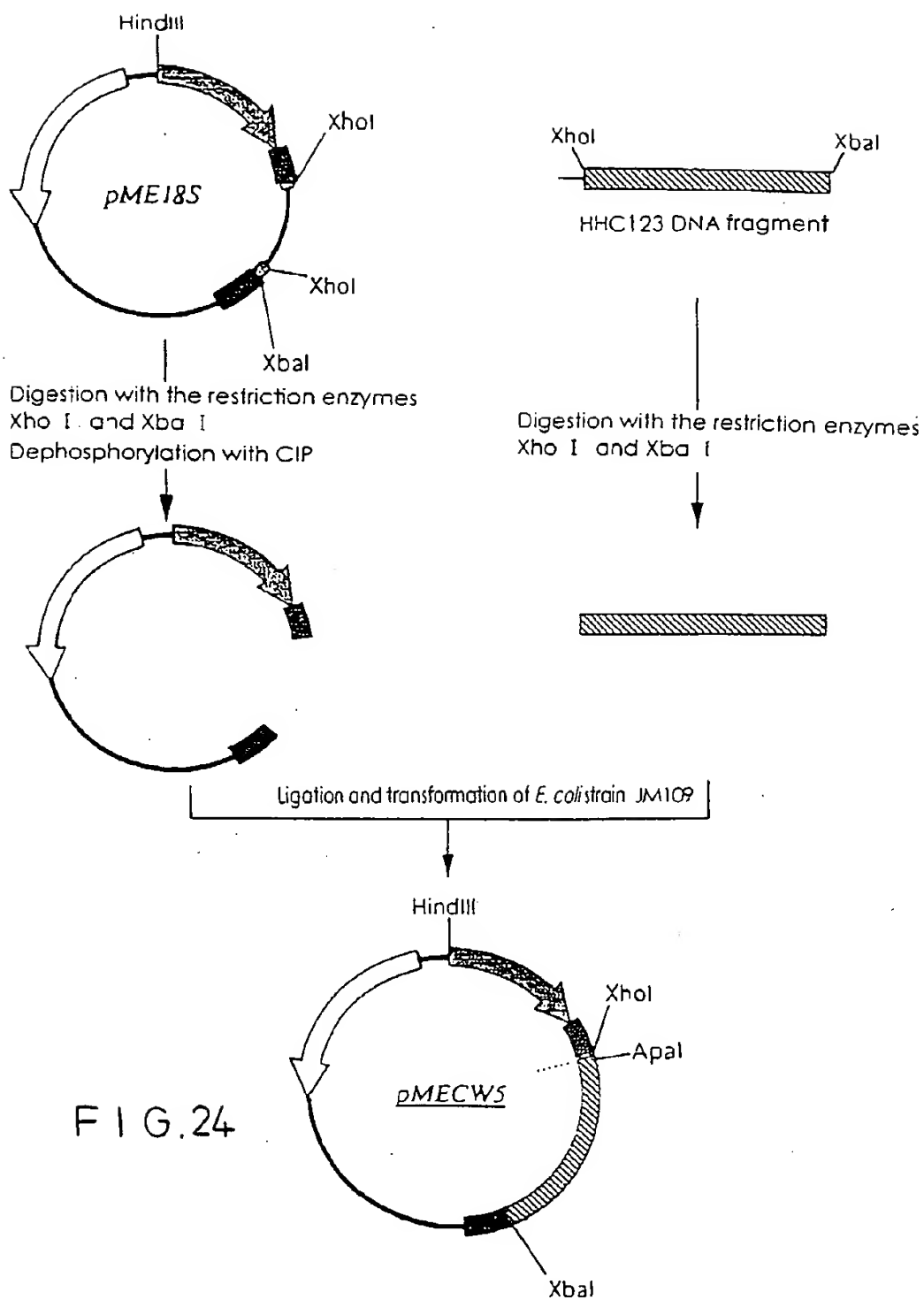


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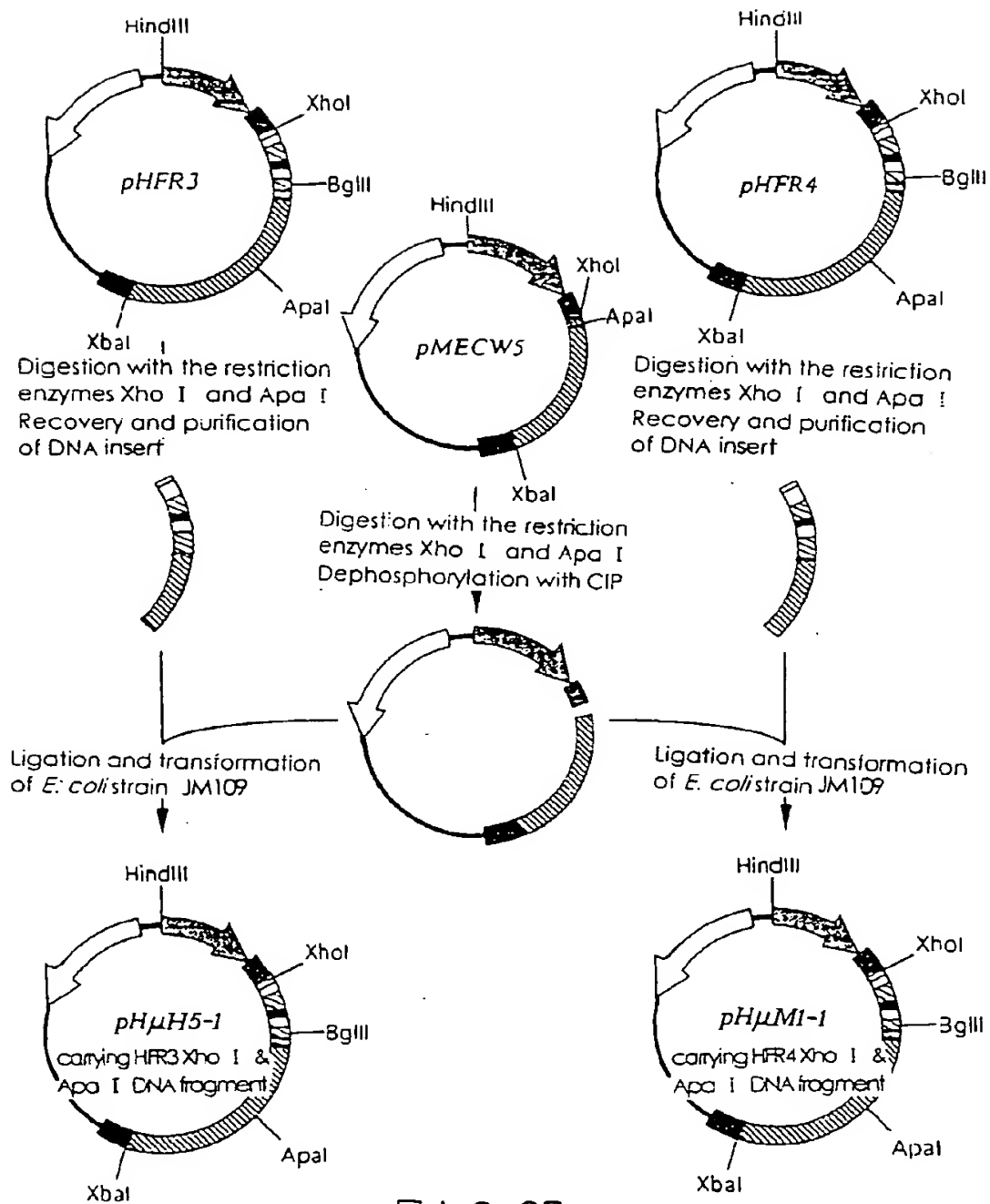


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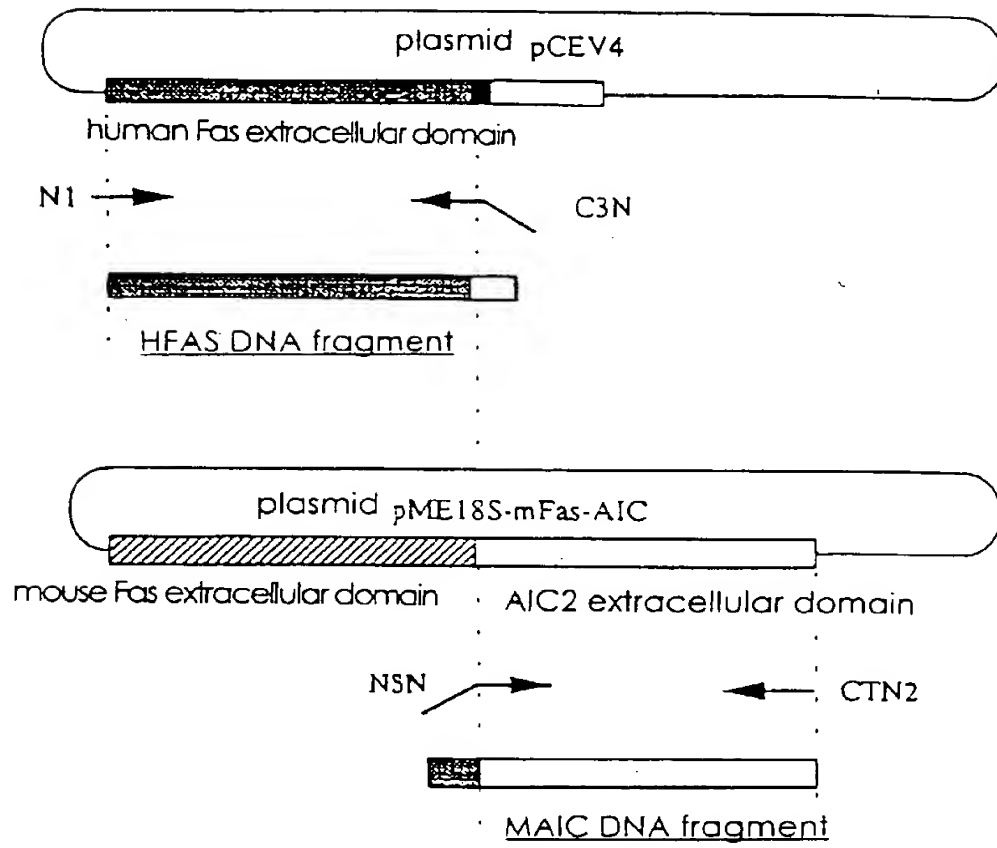


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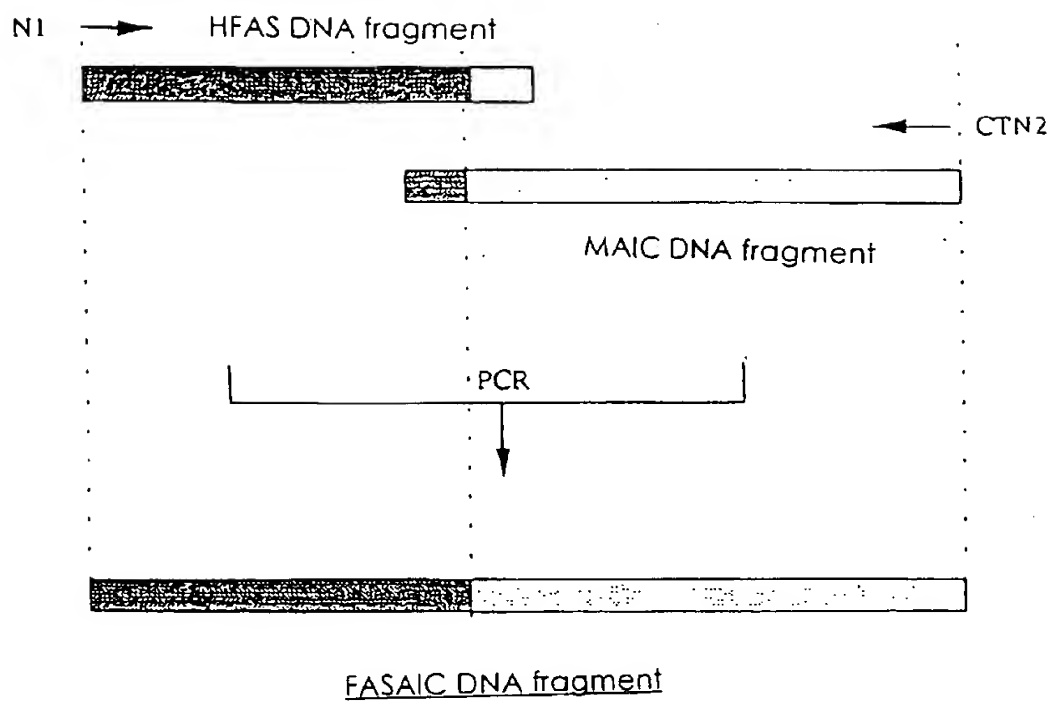


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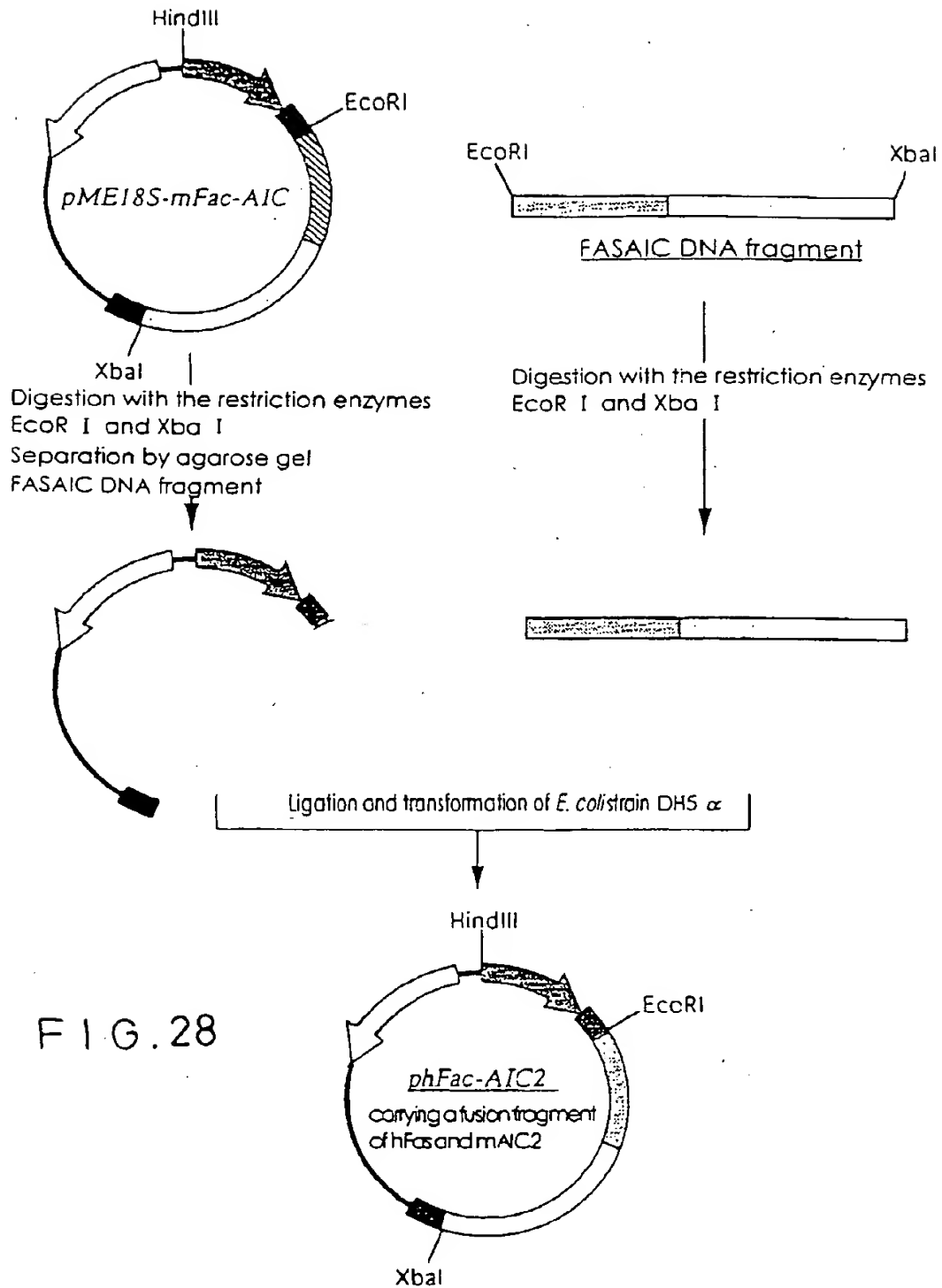


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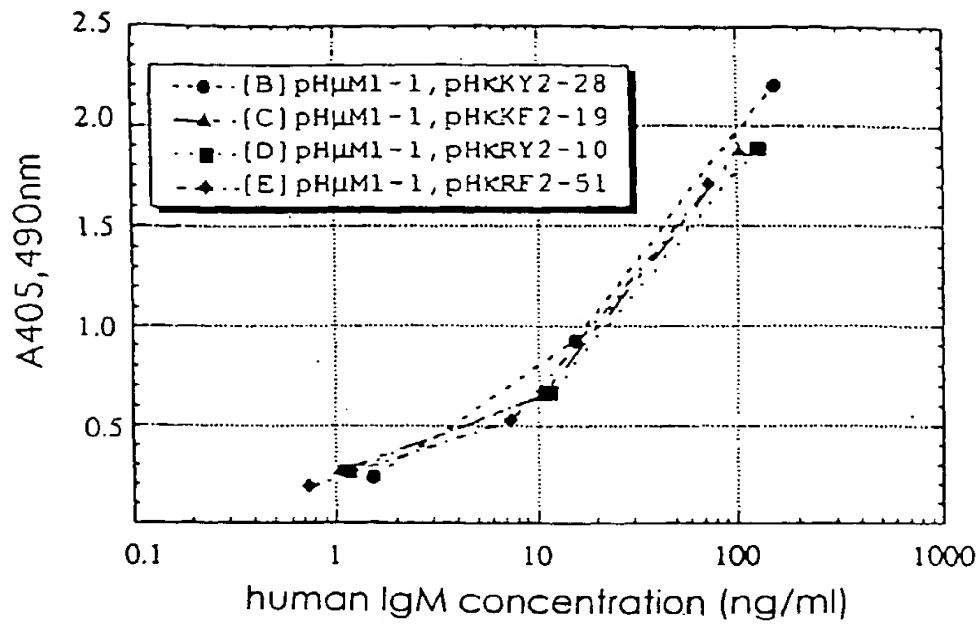


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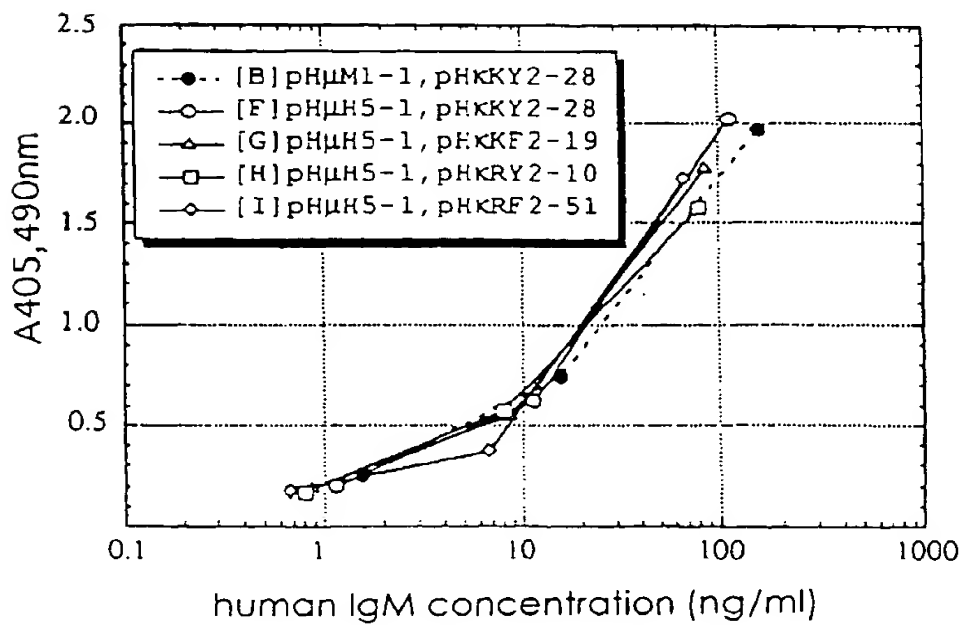


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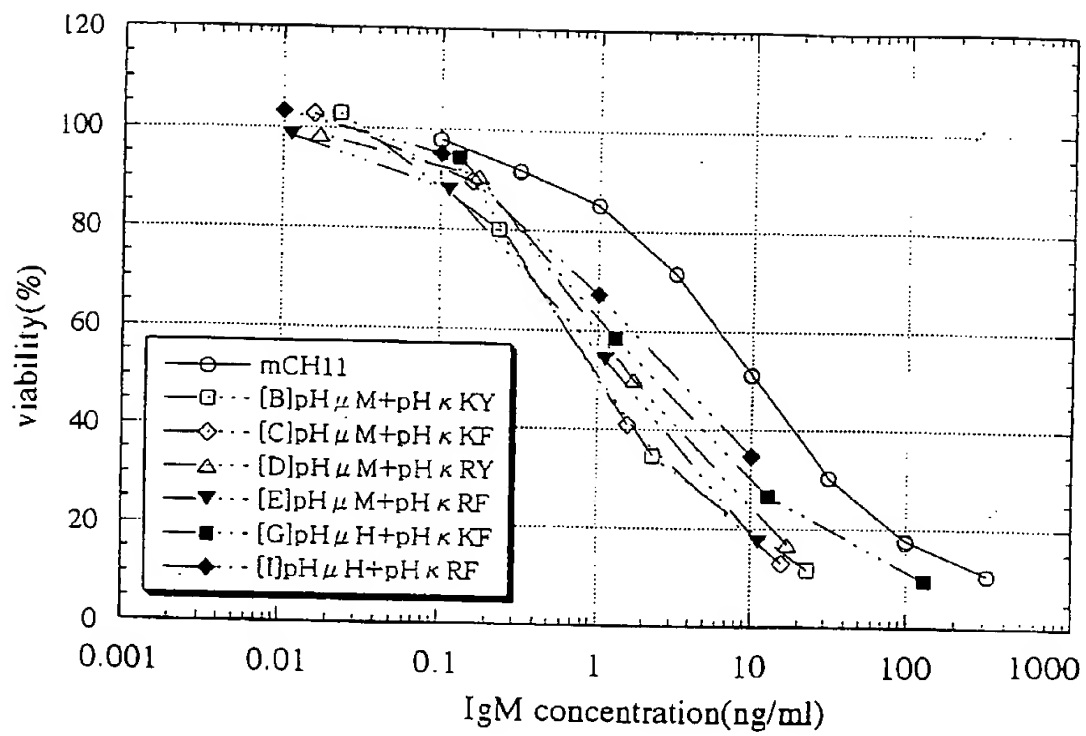


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